

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1 - 2019



Welcome back to school . . . we hope you all enjoyed the Festive period! The Spring term always seems much calmer after the busy Christmas period, but we do have some exciting things planned that will chase away the January blues! Please keep a look out for more information about our Open Phonics Lessons will be sent out very soon! We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come and join in with your child in RWI.

**Mrs Harford Smyth [Acting KS1 Leader]
Miss Ellis [Class 7], Miss Ainger [Class 8] and Miss Gallagher [Class 9]**

Key Diary Dates

We are very excited to welcome the renowned pirate, Samuel Swashbuckle, to Ridgeway for our Pirate Day on Wednesday 16th January! He always has lots to teach the children about being a pirate and what life was like on a pirate ship! Although we would like children to dress as pirates for the day, please don't feel the need to buy something special . . . rolled up trousers and a scarf tied around your child's head would be a perfect outfit for the day! If you are able to, please do come along to a short showcase of our learning in the hall at 3pm! There will be more information to follow about this in the new year!

Week	Date	Event
1	Mon 7th Jan	School re-opens
	Thurs 10th Jan	NSPCC Assembly for children 2.45pm
2	Mon 14th Jan	Y2 Fire Safety
	Weds 16th Jan	Y2 Pirate Day
4	Thurs 31st Jan	Y2 Safety Seymour Day [Creative Arts Day]
5	w/c 4th Feb	Phonics Open Week
	Tues 5th Feb	Safer Internet Day
6	Thurs 14th Feb	Valentine Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm
	Fri 15th Feb	Tea and Toast School closes for February Half-Term



The Head's Tea focus for this half term will be:
CREATIVITY!

This term our topic is . . . PESKY PIRATES

Over the term, children will be encouraged to develop skills related to each curriculum area through specific focusses as shown below:

<u>Scientists</u> Plants	<u>Historians</u> Famous Pirates	<u>Computer Scientists</u> Programing
<u>Sports Players</u> Cosmic Yoga and Pirate Dancing	<u>Citizens</u> Understanding rights, rules and responsibilities	<u>Designers</u> Moving pictures using split pins
<u>Understanding Learners</u> What can we learn from creation stores?	<u>Artists</u> Collage and texture	<u>Musicians</u> Pirate music and sea shanties
	<u>Explorers</u> Maps; position and direction	

You will receive a weekly letter to tell you how children are learning to become better readers, writers and mathematicians!



Key Pirate Vocabulary:

Practice talking like a pirate at home with your child! 😊



<u>Pirate Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Ahoy	Hello
Avast	Stop and look
Aye Aye!	Yes Captain, I will get right on it!
Arrrrrrrr	'Yes', 'I agree', 'I am happy'
Booty	Treasure
Doubloon	Spanish gold goind
Shiver me timbers	A surprised expression

<u>Pirate Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Loot	Stolen goods or money
Marooned	To be left stranded on an island
Batton down the hatches	A storm is coming and they need to make the ship safe
Sary	Do you agree?
Seadog	An old pirate or sailor
Hearties	Friends