

Year 2

Spring 1st Half Term

Phonics

In phonics we will be following the Read Write Inc. scheme. The scheme incorporates reading and writing thus providing the children with a solid base upon which to build their further progress in reading and writing skills.

Writing

Writing will be incorporated within phonics sessions. We will also follow schemes based upon the pirate story *The Night Pirates* by Peter Harris. We will be writing letters, messages in bottles, descriptions of characters and settings, and writing continuations to the stories. We will also focus on punctuation, grammar and use of vocabulary. Writing in full sentences with capitals and full stops will be a priority.

Maths

This half term children will be learning all about multiplication and division. Year 2 will also focus on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will then be learning all about statistics and different ways of handling data.

Reading

Reading is *the* key skill. Sharing books with and listening to your child read helps to instil a love of books and allows them to more easily access all other areas of learning. Fifteen minutes several times a week can work wonders.

Theme

This half term our topic will be "Land Ahoy" Year 2 will be learning all about life as a pirate, different explores and ships. Year 2 will also be creating treasure maps to find hidden treasure as well as a D&T project, making a pirate ship.

PE

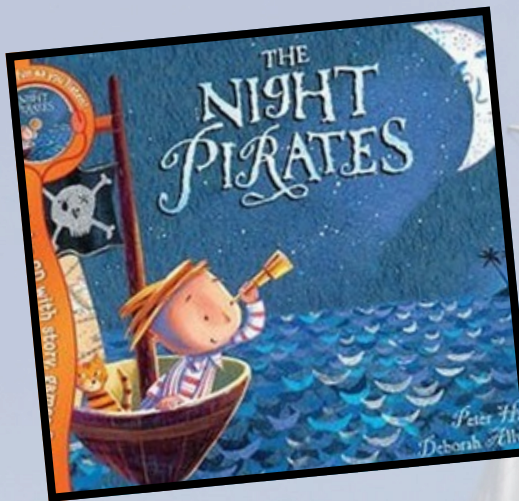
PE will continue to be on a Monday and Tuesday for Year 2.

Ensure that the children come dressed in appropriate PE kit on that day.

This half term the children will be exploring dance. We will be looking at different kinds of movements that we can incorporate into different dance routines.

Home Learning

A creative activity will be provided every two weeks which is to be completed in your child's homework book. There will also be an additional fortnightly activity on Doodle aimed at consolidating maths skills the children have been learning in class. Your child will also bring home weekly spellings.



Shiver Me Timbers!

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This half term our theme is **Shiver Me Timbers!** In this theme we will examine the lives of pirates and their journeys. We will learn the sea shanties song and make models of treasure chests. We will use the pirate story *The Night Pirates* to inspire our writing. We will also learn to talk like pirates. Arrgh!



Science

The children will investigate how materials can be bent and manipulated to make them more suitable for a purpose. To do this they will investigate how changing the shape of modelling clay can affect how well it floats on water. We will also be looking at materials and their suitability for building ships.

