

## How can you help your child?

### With their learning...

- ✓ Talk with your child about their school work, topics and the world around them.
- ✓ Hear your child read regularly and help them to learn spellings strategies.
- ✓ Visit the library and help your son/daughter to choose books to read for pleasure and to support their topics.
- ✓ Encourage them to use Mathletics at home on a tablet or computer.
- ✓ Play TT Rockstars to improve speed and accuracy of times tables.
- Please check your child's planner daily.
- Sign the planner every week (at the bottom of the page) so that we know homework has been completed and that all communication between home and school has been shared.
- Please help your child learn their times tables. You can find them in their planners. There are also plenty of APPs for tablets that are useful if used regularly – just search 'times tables'.

### With practical issues...

- ✓ Ensure that your child has the correct P.E. Kit in school every day.
- ✓ Children should wear a tie with winter uniform.
- ✓ Summer Uniform can be worn, if preferred.
- ✓ Children should not wear nail varnish or jewellery (other than a watch and / or stud earrings) for school.
- ✓ Don't forget that if your child wishes to have their ears pierced, the best time is the beginning of the summer holidays as it is Dudley policy that children cannot wear any kind of earrings during PE lessons.
- ✓ Long hair should be tied up for safety reasons.
- ✓ Please ensure that all uniform is marked with the child's name.

### A reminder...

We simply do not have the room for large bags in our cloak rooms. Please only bring appropriate sized book bags to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### English

Our topic will inspire our writing styles to include adventure stories, poems and songs, information texts, fact files and recounts.

It is very important that school planners are kept safely and returned to school each day as this provides evidence at the end of the year of your child's progress in reading.

Could we please remind you to comment on your child's reading at home and sign the planner weekly.

### Computing

In Computing this term the children will be looking at 'Digital Literacy'. They will ask and answer questions using websites. They will also look at digital media. The children will use photographs taken during their time in Year 2 to create their own photo gallery.

### PSHE

The children will be looking at the themes of 'families and friendships', 'growing and changing' and 'keeping safe'. They will also continue to learn about their rights', exploring some of the articles contained in the convention booklet. There will also be a continued focus on the children's mental well-being.

### RE

Our religious education this term will focus on Hinduism and Sikhism. The children will learn about the main beliefs, worship and stories from these faiths.

### D&T

The children will have the opportunity to explore the diet of pirates in the past. They will also design, make and test their own pirate ships. Will they float? Or will they sink?

### Art

The children will explore collage by creating their own 'Pirate Seascape' artwork. They will also create their own 'pirate portrait' focusing on the features of the face. They will explore sculpture both man-made and natural and use salt dough to create their own pirate ship.

### Science

The children will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. They will be encouraged to find out more about animals and plants and how they are adapted to their habitats.

### Music

The children will learn to drum with tuition from the Dudley Performing Arts team. They will also be exploring timbre, tempo, and dynamics: using a range of percussion instruments and, of course their voices.

### History

During this term we will look at the history of pirates to include famous pirates, pirate ships and life aboard a pirate ship.

### Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on key aspects from the National Curriculum.

We will be focusing on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be linking these operations to the following topics: 2D and 3D shapes, fractions and measurements including time.

Mathletics will be set weekly. Please support your child when necessary. Please encourage your child to go on TTRockstars and Numbots to help them recall number facts.

### Geography

The focus of our geography lessons this term is to learn about the seven seas of the world and locate them on a map. They will also learn about the local area through mapping.

### PE

P.E. days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. This term our topics are athletics and games.

Please check that your child has pumps that fit them as we are hoping to do a lot of our P.E outdoors this term. Also ensure that long hair is tied back and that no jewellery is worn on these days.

## YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

### Pirates Ahoy!

After coming to school dressed as Pirates, the children will embark on an exciting adventure and become the Blanford Pirates, experiencing life aboard a pirate ship. We will be looking at stories about pirates as well as investigating oceans and seas.

Due to the lockdown in spring, this topic will be taught with an emphasis on identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in phonics, reading, writing and mathematics. Formal end of Key Stage 1 assessments will not take place this year.

This curriculum newsletter explains what activities your child may have the opportunity to learn in each curriculum subject. The ideas may be subject to change as the children's ideas develop.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Miss Barclay and Miss Postings