

Class 2F and 2CB

PE days 2CB – Tuesday and Wednesday. 2F  
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### Unlocking the learning

**Unlocking the learning at home** – Enjoy the fun! How many new things can you find out about pirates that you did not know? Is your knowledge from stories read or real life facts?

**Get reading** – Reading is such an important skill as it supports writing skills and understanding of words. It is an important life skill that enables you child to access all areas of the curriculum also. Please read regularly with your child at home to support their learning and this will help them when we do our reading SATs.

**'The more you read, the more you grow, the more you learn, the more you know.'**

**Get exploring** – What can you find out about Pirates? Were there any female pirates? Who was the most feared pirate? Use the local library to learn more. Is there a famous pirate that came from Bromsgrove?

**Get creating** – complete one of the home learning heroes to help enrich your understanding of the topic. We have had some amazing home learning projects coming in and it is great to see children sharing their learning at home.

**Please ensure:**

**Your child has their PE kit in school** – it is very important for children to take part in PE for 2 hours every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.

### Maths. We will be covering...

We will continue to work on the four rules. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will be developing their mental maths so that they can solve these operations accurately and quickly. Please support your child to learn the x2, x5 and x10 tables.

We will complete work with statistics and present them in the form of tally charts and graphs.

Children will be continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of fractions where they will find fractions of amounts and shapes.

Linked to our topic, we will learn about position and direction. Children will create and work with treasure maps to locate pirate treasure using co-ordinates.

Try to look at maths in the environment to support. We will send home information and homework to support children developing their maths skills further.

### Topic. We will be covering...

In Year Two the children will be focusing on the topic 'Land Ahoy.' Science will look at different images of boats and identifying what materials they are made from. We will also revisit properties of materials and investigate which materials float or sink. We will explore whether the shape of a material matters in terms of if it will float or sink.

History will involve using stories about famous pirates and explorers and looking at different aspects of their life. Children will access a range of materials to find out information about the pirate code and make fact files about 'A pirate's life.'

Geography is all about different countries and where they are located on a map. We shall also explore what different symbols mean on a map.

Art and Design will be designing flags using a range of shapes, colours and patterns. We will create pirate hats and other useful pirate items.

DT is learning about lighthouses and looking at examples from Grace Darling's time. How do modern lighthouses compare to ones from the past.

Computing will continue to involve important learning about keeping safe on line. This will also include learning about algorithms.

Music involves learning shanty songs sung by pirates and develop performance skills.

RE continues to look at how we celebrate special days and events. We shall also study the beliefs of Jewish people.

PE will continue to develop skills further through gymnastics and games.

PSHE is an important part of our curriculum with the value for the month of January being 'pride.' We shall encourage and support children doing their best in all areas of school life and enabling them to feel positive about themselves.

# Land Ahoy

### English. We will be covering...

English is full of exciting opportunities this term. We will be exploring descriptions about pirates and writing pirate poems. There will be a continued focus upon what a complete sentence looks like and how we can improve them by adding adjectives, conjunctions and expanded nouns. We shall be using some quality texts to support our writing such as, The Pirates Next Door by Jonny Duddle, The Pirate Cruncher by Jonny Duddle and The Troll by Julia Donaldson. As part of our English learning we shall focus on the correct use of full-stops, apostrophes for contraction and singular possession and question marks. Spelling is going to be a high priority this term where children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of phonics to apply to their written work. It will be useful to practise spellings at home with your child. High frequency words have been given at the last parents evening and will be sent out again shortly. We have a big focus on handwriting presentation including letter formation. We feel that by presenting work neatly that this shows pride in what we do.

Forest school will continue this term with each class attending on alternate Thursdays.

2F: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> February. 2CB: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> January and 8<sup>th</sup> February