

# Year 2 Newsletter



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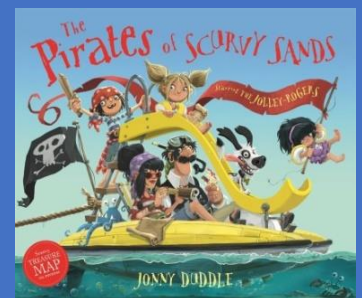
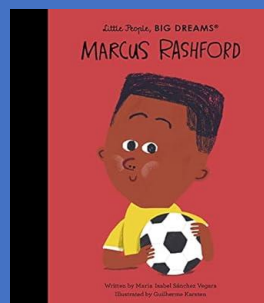
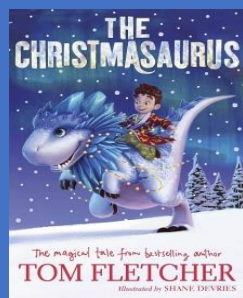
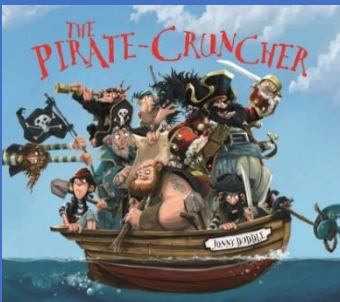
## Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023  
to  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Theme – Yo ho ho, me hearties - Pirates

Welcome back to Autumn term 2, we hope you all had a lovely break and are ready to come back to school to learn lots of new and exciting things. Our topic theme for this half term is called “yo ho ho me hearties,”. We look at how pirates lived on board ships, what jobs they did and how they lived their lives. We will learn about different famous pirates and write a non-chronological report. We will also be writing a set of instructions for how to make a pirate hat. We will be reading “The Pirates of Scurvy Sands” and “The Pirate Cruncher” both written by Jonny Duddle (who we know very well, as we read The Pirates Next Door last half term).

### What will we read this half term?



### Our School Values

**Achieve Care Value Listen Help**

This term, we will be looking at our “Care” and “Help” school values. We will be reading the “Little People, Big Dreams” book about Marcus Rashford. We will learn how he helped millions of children and families during lockdown, when he campaigned for free school meals. Marcus is a famous football player but no matter how successful he became, he never forgot where he came from and his experience as a hungry child. Marcus took it upon himself to lead a nation-wide campaign to ensure that no child would go without food. He is inspirational and an excellent role model.

### What will we learn this half term?

**Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage. Please take time to read them.**

## English

Our English lessons will cover a number of genres, including instruction writing and report writing. We will be using the books "The Pirate Cruncher" and "The Pirates of Scurvy Sands" written by Jonny Duddle to build on our reading and writing skills from last half term. We will also focus on sentence construction, spelling high frequency words correctly and using descriptive language in our own writing. We will be using the Internet and books to find out facts about famous pirates in order to write non-chronological reports and will write a set of instructions for how to make a pirate hat. Daily phonic lessons will continue to take place as well as guided reading and 1:1 reading opportunities. We will visit the school library each week to foster our love of reading. These books will stay in school so that we can read them during our free time.

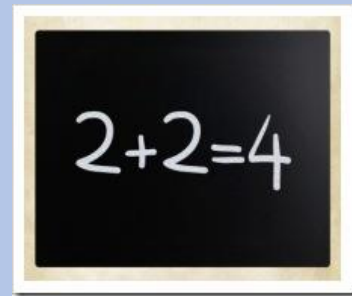


## Maths

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will learn:

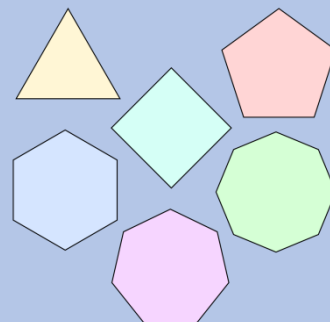
### Addition and subtraction

- Add by making 10
- Add three 1-digit numbers
- Add to the next 10
- Add across a 10
- Subtract across a 10
- Subtract from a 10
- Subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number
- 10 more, 10 less
- Add and subtract 10s
- Add two 2-digit numbers
- Subtract 2 digit numbers
- Compare number sentences
- Missing number problems



### Recognise 2-D and 3-D shapes

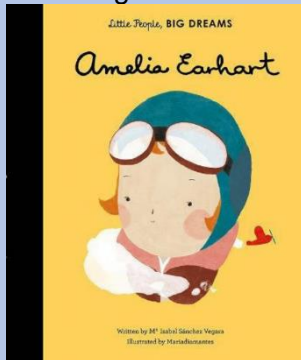
- Count sides on 2-D shapes
- Count vertices on 2-D shapes
- Draw 2-D shapes
- Lines of symmetry on shapes
- Use lines of symmetry to complete shapes
- Sort 2-D shapes
- Count faces on 3-D shapes
- Count edges on 3-D shapes
- Count vertices on 3-D shapes
- Sort 3-D shapes
- Make patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes



We now have log ins for Numbots (addition and subtraction) and TTRockstars (multiplication and division). These can be accessed on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile device. Look out for competitions set by your teacher in the next few weeks – there are prizes to be won!!

## Research Topic

In History, we will be learning about changes in technology in living memory by looking at how travel and transport has changed over time. We will learn about the Wright Brothers, who were pioneers in aviation and George Stephenson who invented the steam train. We will also learn about modern day transport, like the Bullet Train in Japan and use our knowledge to invent our own transport.



To introduce this topic, we will read the Little People Big Dreams book about Amelia Earhart, the fearless aviator and the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. It is a story to inspire all of us and links to our school value of achievement.



## Computing

Our Computing lessons will be delivered by Mr Goodier on Thursday afternoons. All children now have Google login details and have been working hard over the first half term to develop their typing skills. All children can now successfully log on to Google, so our Computing lessons will now move onto using Gmail and Google classroom.

## Art

In Art, we will be developing our drawing skills and looking at how stories can be told through pictures.

## PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is called "Celebrating Difference". We will be looking at similarities and differences between ourselves and other members of our class, school, community and the World.



## Music



This half term our music topic will be called Ho, Ho, Ho! As you can probably guess it is Christmas themed and we will be learning a new song to perform. We will be exploring different patterns in music and will focus on dynamics and tempo. We will have the opportunity to play musical instruments, like glockenspiels.

## PE

Our PE lessons this half term will be on Thursdays and taught by Mr Cole (our sports coach). We will be learning how to use the apparatus safely and creatively. We will focus on different ways of moving, balancing and travelling. PE kit (plain white T-shirt and black shorts) should be in school at all times.

## RE

In RE, we will be looking at the question “What can we learn from Sacred books?” We will look at stories from The Bible, The Qu’ran and The Torah. We will think about which stories are special to us and how different religious people treat their Holy book. We will also recap on The Christmas story.



## Homework

Children are expected to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes each night. All children will bring home a Read, Write Inc book which is closely matched to their phonic ability. This book is fully decodable and your child will be able to read all the sounds/words in the book, we are focusing on developing fluency so your child will keep the book for a week so they have chance to read it more than once. Half termly spellings will continue to be sent home for children to practise.

## Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead. If you need to get in touch, please write a note in your child's reading record, or speak to a member of staff on the door at pick up or drop off time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Haygarth and Miss Manning (Year 2 Teachers)

