

# Year 2 Newsletter



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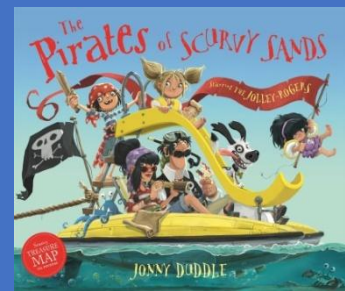
## Autumn Term 2

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
to  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## 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 our own pirate story. 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?

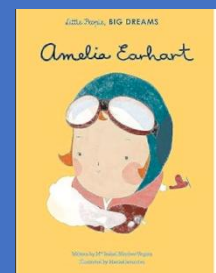


## Our School Values

### **Achieve Care Value Listen Help**

This term, we will be looking at our “Achieve” value and will read the Little People, Big Dreams book about Amelia Earhart. When Amelia was young, she liked to imagine she could stretch her wings and fly away like a bird. As a grown woman, she set a new female world record for flying up to 14,000 feet.

She also flew across the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, and eventually undertook the most dangerous mission of all: to fly all the way around the world.



## 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 and rationales for

**teaching. Please take time to read them.**

## English

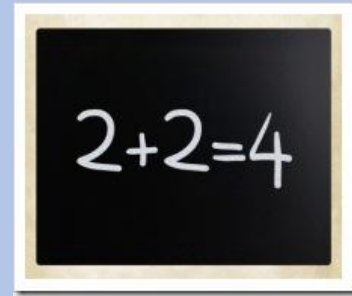
We will be using the book “The Pirates of Scurvy Sands” written by Jonny Duddle to write our own pirate adventure stories. We will focus on sentence construction, spelling high frequency words correctly and using descriptive language in our own writing. In guided reading sessions we will read “The Pirate Cruncher” by Jonny Duddle, another pirate adventure story about a scary sea monster and some very foolish pirates. Daily phonic lessons will continue to take place as well as 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:

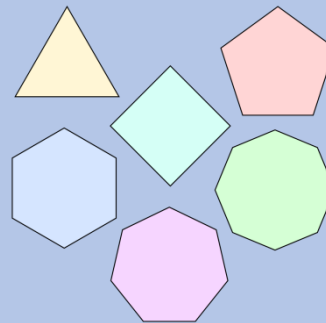
### Addition and subtraction

- 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. We will also learn about modern day transport, like modern day planes.



## **Computing**

Our Computing lessons will cover mouse and typing skills. We will learn about the different parts of a computer and how to stay safe online.

## **DT**

This term we are getting creative and making our very own Christmas Tree decorations from felt. We will be researching ideas, designing our decorations and learning how to sew them together. We will practise threading a needle, making a knot and using a running stitch. We will be having lots of festive fun and creating a decoration to hang on our tree.

## **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**

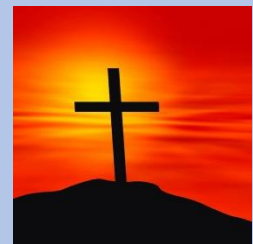
This half term our music topic will be called Ho, Ho, Ho! As you can probably guess it is Christmas themed and we will be learning a new song to perform. We will be exploring different patterns in music and will focus on dynamics and tempo. We will have the opportunity to play musical instruments, like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

## **PE**

Our PE lessons this half term will be on Wednesdays and taught by the PE coaches. We will be learning how to play successfully as a team and learning how to work together.

## **RE**

In RE, we will be looking at the question "What is the good news that Christians say Jesus brings?" We will learn how Christians believe Jesus offers forgiveness and how Christians follow his example.



## **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,  
The Year 2 Team

