Year 2 Newsletter

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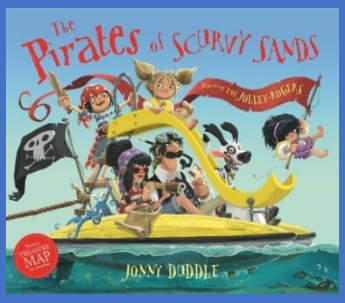
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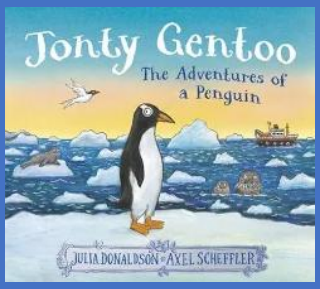
Monday 2nd November 2026
to
Friday 18th December 2026

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 too! We will be reading "The Pirates of Scurvy Sands" 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?

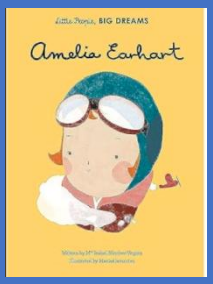




Our School Values

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



This term in English, we will be exploring the exciting book *The Pirates of Scurvy Sands* by Jonny Duddle. Having already enjoyed reading *The Pirates Next Door*, we have been introduced to the main character, Jim Lad, and we will meet him again in this new adventure! Using the story and its characters as inspiration, we will create a range of short pieces of writing. We will focus on developing our sentence structure, improving our spelling of high-frequency words and expanding our vocabulary by learning to choose and use more interesting and descriptive words.

We will also enjoy a special pirate-themed day, where we will take part in an exciting workshop with Pirate Dan to bring our learning to life!



To celebrate the end of our pirate theme, we will be taking part in a big debate!

Our big debate question will be:

Should pirates keep the treasure or share it with everyone?

We will explore both sides of the argument, sharing our opinions, giving reasons to support our views and listen respectfully to others. This will be a fantastic opportunity to develop our speaking and listening skills, build confidence and practise using persuasive language.



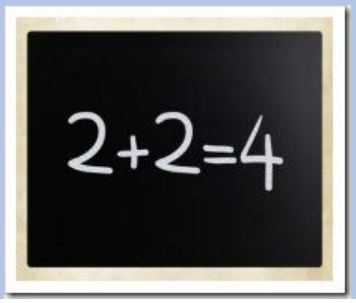
During our guided reading sessions, we will be enjoying *Jonty Gentoo* by Julia Donaldson. We will explore the story, develop our reading comprehension skills and use our ideas and learning to create a special display to celebrate our work.

Maths

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will learn how to calculate within 20, including adding three numbers to find a total, explaining that numbers can be added in any order and adding and subtracting numbers that bridge through 10. We will use our knowledge and skills to solve real-life problems that involve addition and subtraction.

We will then move on to adding and subtracting larger, 2-digit numbers. We will learn to add or subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number, add and subtract by bridging a multiple of 10, find 10 more and less than a given number and use efficient strategies to solve problems.

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.



History

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 and super fast trains.





Computing



This term, we will be developing our typing skills and mouse control. We will practise using the keyboard to type letters, words and simple sentences, as well as learning how to click, drag and drop using the mouse. We will build confidence and become more independent when using a computer.

Art

This term, our Art topic is called “Drawing:Tell a story”. We will develop our drawing skills by using lines, shapes and different techniques to create pictures that tell a story. We will explore how drawings can communicate ideas, feelings and events, using our imagination and creativity to bring our own stories to life.



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.



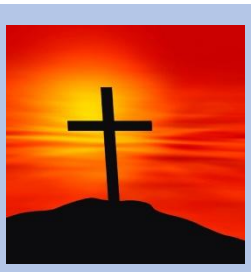
Music

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 patterms 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 Thursdays and taught by the PE coaches. We will be learning how to play successfully as a team and learning how to work together. We will use equipment to develop our ball skills and play games to improve our dodging skills.

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.

We will also learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali and why it is important to some people.

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