

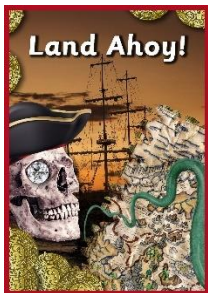


## Year 2 Newsletter

### Spring 1



Happy New Year to you all! Thank you for all the generous gifts that we received at the end of the year – we hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to a new term in Year 2. Below we have outlined the outcomes for learning for the half term and you'll find key dates too.



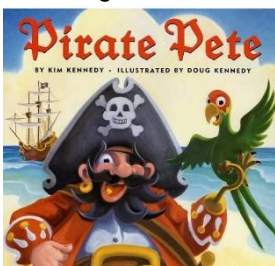
### **Land Ahoy**

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Get ready to take to the high seas and set sail in search of treasure!

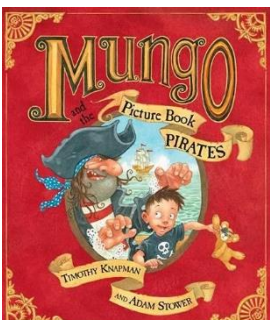
This half term, we will be going on a Pirate adventure! Our science skills will help us to understand how boats float and we'll design and make model ships using a variety of materials. We'll study paintings of boats and draw detailed pictures of our own. Our map reading skills will help us to identify different seas and oceans, and we'll learn about famous sea explorers. Stories of pirates will inspire us to make pirate flags, treasure maps and fact files. We will learn the names of the oceans and continents and where they are located on a world map.

As part of this learning, we will visit the Maritime Museum in St Helier and learn about famous explorers and ships that are linked to our island. Our visit is planned for **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. Please contact us if you're able to be a parent helper for this trip.

### **English**



This half term our English lessons will focus on the books '*Pirate Pete*' and '*Mungo and the Picture Book Pirates*.' Our pirate day was a huge success and sparked the children's excitement. During this day we learnt how to speak like a pirate and navigate a pirate map, amongst other fun activities. Our first text 'Pirate Pete' will capture the children's imaginations. They will design their own island for Pete to visit using key vocabulary and phrases from the text.



In '*Mungo and the Picture Book Pirates*' we will be describing the characters in the book and then creating our own narrative using the characters from the story.

We are focusing even more on handwriting and presentation this term. Please encourage joined writing at home by exploring this website for the handwriting joins: <https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/cursive-joins-choice-3.html>

## Maths

This half term we begin our maths learning about multiplication, (which we define as 'groups of' things,) and that learning will continue into Spring 2. The children will be learning what multiplication means, as well as learning multiplication facts.

## PE

Just a reminder that PE days this half term are as follows:

**2A Miss Morris' Class:** Tuesday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor)

**2B Mrs Watts/Mrs Betts Class:** Monday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor)

Please ensure that your child has trousers and PE jacket for their outdoor sessions.



## PSHE



The jigsaw piece this half term is called 'Dreams and Goals'. This will include goal setting, thinking about aspirations of our own, how and why it is important to learn with others, participating with group activities and celebrating our achievements.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Watts, Mrs Betts and Miss Morris

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