



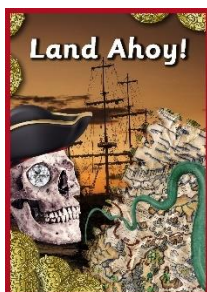
Year 2 Newsletter

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.

A polite reminder that all children need a separate snack from their lunch box which should be a piece of fruit or vegetables. If children are having hot lunches, they also need a separate snack for the mornings.



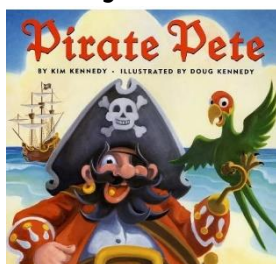
Land Ahoy

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

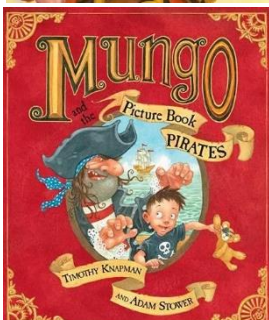
This half term, we will be going on a Pirate adventure! Our science skills will help us to understand how boats float and we'll design and make model ships using a variety of materials. We'll study paintings of boats and draw detailed pictures of our own. Our map reading skills will help us to identify 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 **Tuesday 14th January**.

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, created pirate portraits and made a parrot companion. 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 will be continuing with addition and subtraction, and then we will begin our maths learning about multiplication and division. The children will be learning what multiplication means, as well as learning multiplication facts.

PE

There has been a change to our PE days. Our new PE days this half term are as follows:

2A Miss Morris' Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

2B Mrs Watts/Mrs Betts Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

On a Wednesday the children will have a Sports specialist coming in to teach them kickboxing.



PSHE



The topic this half term is called 'Healthy Me'. We will be focussing on all the ways we can support our overall health including our physical and mental wellbeing. For example, going for a walk, getting fresh air, brushing our teeth and healthy diet.

Music



We are fortunate this term to be taking part in a music project provided by the Jersey Music Service. The children will have a lesson each Monday morning starting 13th January, where they will learn to use their voices, play tuned and untuned instruments including recorders and ukuleles, and experiment with sounds.

Key Dates:

Tuesday 14 th January	Trip to the Maritime Museum and Ice Skating
Friday 7 th February	2B Class Assembly 9am
Friday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February	Last day of half term

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Betts and Miss Morris

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