



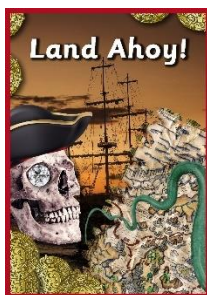
Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1



Happy New Year to you all! Thank you so much for 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.



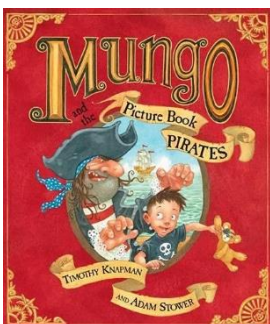
Land Ahoy

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

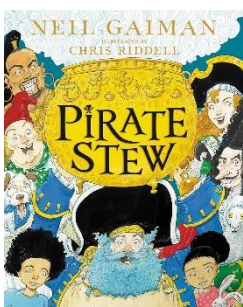
This half term, we will be going on a Pirate adventure! Our science skills will help us to understand how boats float and we'll design and make model ships using a variety of materials. In geography, our map reading skills will help us to identify different seas and oceans, and in history we'll learn about famous sea explorers. Stories of pirates will inspire us to make pirate flags, treasure maps and fact files.

As part of this learning, we have our trip this **Friday 9th January** to the Maritime Museum in St Helier and learn about famous explorers and ships that are linked to our island.

English



Our first text driver is '*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 will be focussing on using subordinate and coordinate conjunctions in our writing (and, but, or, so, because, if, that, when).



Our second text driver is called 'Pirate Stew', and we will use this book to inspire us to write some instructional writing of our own to create yummy recipes!

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 Mr Welsh's Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

2B Mrs Betts' Class: Tuesday and Wednesday



PSHE



The topic for this half term is focusses on belonging to a group and what it means to have roles and responsibilities. We will also learn about how to make everyone feel included in our community, whether we are the same or different to others.

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 12th January, where they will learn to use their voices, play tuned and untuned instruments including recorders and ukuleles, and experiment with sounds.

Key Dates:

Friday 9 th January	Trip to the Maritime Museum and Ice Skating
Friday 6 th February	2A Class Assembly 9am
Friday 13 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 Mr Welsh

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