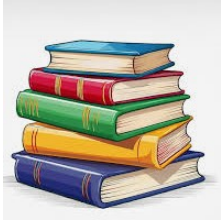


Year 1 Newsletter 14.11.25



We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. The children have certainly come back full of enthusiasm, ready to learn and we are excited to see the progress they will continue to make this half term. We have lots of exciting things in store, including our first geography and art units and of course, all things Christmas, including our Christmas show! Be prepared to start hearing the children singing their hearts out around the house very soon...

Reading and spelling



We are currently completing our Read Write Inc assessments which help us determine the most appropriate book for your child to read. It has been wonderful to see the progress the children are making already and, for some children that will mean they are ready to move to the next level of books, while for others it shows us that they need a little longer on their current level. As discussed during our reading drop in, it is not a concern if your child needs to continue on the same reading level for a little while longer. Please continue to support us by reading regularly with and to your child at home, it really does make a difference!

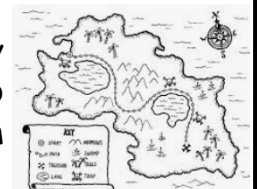
Our red words for this half term are: pull, full, ask, was, you, your.

Curriculum

We have begun looking at instructions in English this half term and will be linking this with our pirate theme. The children will follow instructions to make things, read and orally retell instructions and will learn the features of instructions to help them write their own. This week we have followed instructions to make a pirate themed thaumatrope, linking with toys from the past from last half term, we have orally retold the instructions and had a go at writing them too. In addition, we realised that the jigsaw pieces we found during our treasure hunt on Pirate Day were for a set of instructions for 'How to Trap a Pirate'. We have been orally rehearsing the instructions, including adding actions to help us remember important words, we might need it if any pesky pirates turn up!

We are working hard on our counting in maths, continuing to learn how to count forward and backwards in 2s. It is not always easy and takes a bit of practice, see if your child can step count in 2s when climbing up the stairs or marching along the street. We have also been learning how to split shapes into halves and quarters, as well as finding halves and quarters of quantities.

Our Geography this half term focuses on learning to read maps, a handy skill for a budding pirate! This week we have learned how a key helps us to read a map. We also had a go at making a plan perspective of our classroom to use in a game of find the treasure.



We enjoyed our first art lesson last week, learning how to draw a pirate face and a pirate girl. We had to listen carefully to the artist and followed them step by step to create our drawings, then chose to colour them or leave them as pencil drawings. We hope you have been as impressed as we are by their fabulous drawings.

Dates for the diary:

Friday 28th November—Christmas jumper day (please bring a donation to the chocolate tombola if you can)

Friday 5th December—Christmas Fair

Wednesday 10th December—Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm



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