



# Class 2 - Newsletter

## Summer Term 2016



### SUMMER IS COMING!

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. This term will be as fun filled and jam packed as last term with lots of lovely learning opportunities for the children. We are hoping to organise a joint trip with Class 1 for a pirate day and after the success of our Teddy bears Picnic a Pirate picnic in the village as well.

This is also the term that the Department for Education (DFE) SATs Tests are carried out. Year 2's assessment tests will be carried out on the week beginning **16<sup>th</sup> May 2016** and the Year 1 Phonics Check will be carried out the week beginning **13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**.

### Homework

Daily reading (please record in children's reading diaries when you listen to them read.)

Weekly spellings which will be randomly assessed at the end of the half term.

Understanding of numbers - this will be through learning number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, addition and subtraction facts and multiplication facts

Project homework will also be set across a half term and will be linked to our topic work on Pirates and be sent out next week.

### PE

Our PE day is **Thursday** this term.

Please make sure PE kits are in school all the time and they are labelled clearly with your child's name.

This term we will focus on multi-skills, including, balance, coordination, and agility and ball skills. We will be putting these skills into small games.

**Friday morning** is our allocated swimming time for this term.

### Show and Tell

Show and Tell will take place on Friday afternoons after Golden Time. Children may bring things in to share with the class about our areas of learning on this day only. If there are lots of children wishing to share things, names will be drawn out of a hat for that week, as it may not be possible to fit everyone in.

### This half term our topics are:

**Pirates** - Within this topic we will explore toys from around the world, toys from the past and what toys might be like in the future.

**Floating and sinking / Materials** - Within our science topic we will be learning about the different properties of materials, which would make effective Pirate ships and which would not!

In **English**, we are learning about Pirates in a variety of genres including, reports, explanations and stories we will also focus on literacy through film. In connection with our topic we will focus on the film Peter Pan.

In **Maths**, we are practising our number skills, adding and subtracting larger numbers, using our skills of multiplication and division, investigating 2d and 3d shapes and learning about simple fractions.

In **PSHE** we will discuss the important people in our lives, at home, in school and in our community.

In **Art**, we will explore the art of pop art through the artist Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

In **Computing** we will use laptops to research areas of our topic work, particularly exploring online sources to find out about Pirates. We will use ICT to produce a report with digital imagery and text about Pirates

In **RE**, we will be learning about creation stories in different faiths including Christianity and Hinduism.

### A few reminders ...

Please try to bring your child to school at 8:50 am as this gives them time to settle into school before the day begins.

We ask that all your child's clothes are marked with their name, as you can appreciate the children are not always able to recognise their own uniform, especially when they are all so similar!

I am really looking forward to working with you and your children this term, if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks  
Miss Clare Havers



