

# Year Two Newsletter -

Dear Families,

Happy New Year. We hope you have all had a good break and are ready for the new term. This term the children will be developing their geography knowledge and skills through our topic Land Ahoy!

Yo ho, yo ho, the children need to get their sea legs on to sail the salty seas. They will navigate, investigate and explore the world, just like Captain Cook. They will select a pirate name, and learn to speak like a pirate, and explore life on board a pirate ship. They will learn to sing a sea shanty whilst cleaning the poop deck, then search the school grounds for hidden treasure. There's land ahead. Let's get this ship to port.



In science the children will be exploring which materials are strong through twisting, bending and stretching. They will use their knowledge to plan a fair test and design a pirate ship to float and carry cargo. They will make observations and record the data gathered.



## PE

Year 2 PE day is Monday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their named PE kit on that day. Earrings need to be removed for PE.

## Reading expectations

Please ensure that your child's reading book and planner are in school every day. We have daily whole class reading sessions.

## Water

It is crucial that every child arrives at school with fresh water in a named/labelled bottle. Please do not put water bottles inside book bags. Thank you.

## ClassDojo

We will use Class Dojo to communicate with you and to share the children's learning.

## Dates

7<sup>th</sup> January - Dress up like a pirate day

**Spring 1:– Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

## English

The children will be developing their writing skills across a variety of different genres. For the first few weeks the children will be using the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man' to plan and write their own tale. We expect the children to use their writing skills in other lessons too such as

## Maths

We have 15 minutes of daily arithmetic to revisit previous learning and to encourage quick recall of facts. In our maths lessons we will be **multiplying and dividing** and discover how these relate to repeated addition and subtraction. Maths investigations will be linked to our topic work, such as

## Science

Children will plan and set up a science investigation to see which pirate ship can float and carry cargo successfully. The shape and size of the ship will be changed to see which can hold the most cargo whilst staying afloat.

## Physical Education

This term the children will be learning gymnastics skills. The focus of the learning is to apply 'champion gymnastics' to explore different movements that can link together. The children will use these links to develop different ways to perform a sequence of jumps, rolls and balances on and off

## Art/ Design & Technology

This term Seuss Class will be exploring art and design skills such as weaving, shading and painting. They will continue to add their own ideas to their sketch books. For DT, the children will learn about food and what makes a healthy diet. They will find out about the five different food

## Humanities

Focussing on geography skills this half term, the children will be learning about pirates. We will be linking our learning to the work carried out last term and comparing pirates to the explorer Captain James Cook. We will make connections between trade and how this impacted upon the lives of



## Computing

We are introducing a new scheme of work for teaching computing at Priors Hall. The first unit explores exactly what a computer is, by identifying and learning how inputs and outputs work, and how computers are used in the wider world. Online safety is addressed across the year but Safer