



Reception Newsletter

Summer 1 - 2017



Dear Parent / Carer,

This half term our topic is '**Pirates and the Seaside**' and we will be using the following texts in Literacy to complete different activities; 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' The role play area has been changed to a pirate ship, including a shack and a beach with hidden treasure. I look forward to welcome parents and carers to watch the children sing on Tuesday 16th May at 9.15am, followed by having a cuppa and home made cake and to look through your child's books.

Dates for your diary:

Tues 16th May – Pirate Day and Parent Assembly 9.15am
Children to come dressed as pirates for the day, parents to watch children singing pirate songs and then to have a look through their child's school books.
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th May – STEAM Week
Mon 29th to Fri 2nd June – Half term holiday (School closed)
Mon 5th June – Teacher Training Day (School closed)
Friday 7th July – Sports Day (1.30pm start)

Routine reminders

- Please continue to send your school book bag folders to school **every day**.
- Children will have PE on **Tuesday** afternoons.
- Library books should be changed on a **Wednesday**.
- Reading books will be changed on a **Monday** and Dojo points awarded for every day your child has read for the week (Monday to Sunday.) Please remember to log each day that they read with any appropriate comments.
- Please make sure your child's water bottle only contains water and is clearly labelled with their name.
- Reception children can bring a scooter to school for the scooter roadway every **Friday**. Could you please ensure scooters have been checked and that your child has a helmet which fits their head.
- Send us a photograph through Dojo every Monday morning to let us know what adventures and activities have taken place or what your child has been learning at home. Your child will then have the opportunity to talk to the class about it and this will be added to their learning journey at school.

Show and Tell

- This half term please encourage your child to bring in an item linked to our topic 'Pirates and the Seaside' or to celebrate and tell us about an achievement, for example, a club badge, a swimming certificate, etc
- Show and Tell is every **Friday** after lunch.



Key areas of learning this half term:-



Maths

- To solve mathematical problems including doubling, halving and sharing.
- To explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes using mathematical language to describe them.

Literacy

- To write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and by others.
- To write some irregular common words.
- To know that information can be retrieved from books and computers.

Communication and Language

- To express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.
- To use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.

Key activities and challenges this half term

- Acting out narratives using the new puppet theatre stage.
- Visit from a pirate.
- Making pirate party invitations.

PE

- Developing spatial awareness and coordination through skipping and racing games.

How you can support your child

- Reading as frequently as possible as part of a routine.
- Encouraging your child to complete activities on Mathematics to earn 1,000 points for a certificate.
- To practise and read the 'Action Words' and high frequency words.
- To talk about what we have been learning at school.

Tuesday 16th May 2016 – Pirate Songs Assembly (Please return slip as soon as possible)

I am / not able* (delete as appropriate) to come to the Pirate Song Assembly on Tuesday 16th May and would like _____ tickets. (Maximum 3 tickets).

Child's Name _____

Adult Signature _____