

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to a brand new topic, in a brand new term, in a brand new year! We have lots of new and exciting things planned for the children in their new topic.

This term our topic is 'Pirates.' Connected to our topic we are going to find out about famous pirates like Blackbeard and Anne Bonny, discover what life was like aboard a pirate ship, write pirate diaries and messages in bottles, we will learn to read and create maps with a 'key' and investigate which material is best for floating and would make the best raft for pirates to escape an island.

Year 2 and Year 1 children. Our spelling test will be on a Tuesday afternoon this term. Your child will receive spellings to learn with you throughout the week and be tested on them the following Friday. The spellings your child receives will be connected to their phonics for that week and occasionally topic based.

This term your children will go swimming on a Wednesday morning accompanied by Mrs Andrew and Miss Hyde. They will need to bring correct swimwear and a towel and could we please request that the girls do not wear tights on a Wednesday when they are swimming. Thank you for your support. The children will continue to have their PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon.

Reception Parents, please could I remind you that your child needs a spare set of clothes, including underwear and socks, also to be kept at school in your child's locker. This always proves very useful, especially for those children keen to use the water tray, should they be unfortunate enough to fall over in the wet, muddy playground as well as those other 'inevitable' accidents!

If you have anything at home that you think we might find useful in school this term connected to our pirate topic ... books, toys, dress up etc ... as always we are very grateful for loans and donations.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Rachel Baker