

Year 2 Newsletter No.8

11th November 2016



We are Pirates!



Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you have all had a good rest and are looking forward to the rest of the term. This half term we will be exploring the new topic "The Place where we Live." The children will be exploring our local environment and looking at the changes that have taken place over the years as well as all the changes taking place around the local area at the moment.

If you have any old photographs of Lea or Preston that we can use in school to show some of these changes please send these in to school in a named envelope.

This week in **Mathematics** we have been exploring 2d and 3d shapes and their properties, including symmetry. The children have been on shape hunts outdoors and in the school and have been amazed by the number of shapes they have found.

Our **English** work has linked to the story "The Pirates Next Door" by Jonny Duddle. The children loved the characters in the story and recognised the caring and compassion shown by the character called Tilda. We have explored the characters, created pirate treasure maps and sequenced events from the story. This week's writing homework relates to this story.



In our **IT** work we have been manipulating digital content and creating pictures to upload and print out.

In our **RE** work we have begun our new topic "Christmas: Why do we give and receive gifts?" and discussed how we feel when we receive gifts and give them to others. The children will also begin learning songs in our music lessons for our Christmas Nativity this year.

How you can help...

Homework this week:

- **Reading** – Please spend at least 10 minutes every day reading with your child.
- **Maths** – Symmetry sheet. X10 tables.
- **English** – Pirates Next Door writing task. Spellings.
- **Active Talk Time** – Why not play pirates and explore for treasure this weekend or share a pirate story?

Things to remember...

PE Kits

Now that the weather is turning cooler you may wish to provide your child with trainers and jogging bottoms for our outdoor PE activities. Please ensure they are named. Thank you.

Wacky Wednesday Welly Walk

Wednesday 16th November. Wellies and wacky hair. Please wear uniform as normal.



Next Week – We are Adventurers!

Next week in our **English** work we will continue exploring pirate themed stories by Jonny Duddle and write messages in bottles! Please send in any 500ml plastic pop bottles you may have at home that we can recycle for our messages.

In **Mathematics** we will be looking at money, coin values and calculating change.

In our **Science** work we will be investigating ways to change materials and start looking at animals in our local environment and humans as animals.

In **RE** we will explore different types of gifts and the occasions when we give or receive gifts.



Congratulations!



A big “thumbs up” to our class members who have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** this week! Keep it up!

**George K, Lottie, Evie, Freyja, Alfie, Jensen, Ethan, Harrison,
Ollie, Ryan, Lewis, Nathan, Henry, Faith and Gomezyo.**

*Star Writer of the Week – Jack Wignall
Star of the Week – Harrison Hine
Christian Value of Trust – Nathan Dootson*

Thank you for all your help and support,
Mrs. Ramsay