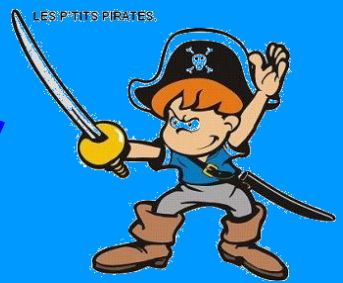




# Year 1 Newsletter

## Yo, Ho, Ho!



Dear Parents/ Carers,  
Welcome back after the half term break. Our current topic is called 'Yo, Ho, Ho!' We will be exploring our planet by finding out about the seven continents and five oceans. We will be learning about some famous sailors from the past – pirates and a heroine called Grace Darling! Throughout this topic the children will have lots of opportunities to develop their geographical and historical knowledge. They will be earning their keep with Enterprise Week! The children will be scrubbing the decks, climbing the rigging and drinking grog (Fruit cocktail).

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

As you may be aware, all Year 1 children across the country are now required to take part in the national phonics screening test. This is so children's progress in phonics can be tracked across all schools in England.

This year it is held on the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> of June. The children are tested on their ability to read a range of real and made up (alien) words. To help support your child you may wish to visit the website [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) and play some of their free games.

### Homework

Thank you for your continuing support with the Guided Reading homework. Also the children are becoming more confident with their 'Super Spellers Challenge'.



Please continue to support your child with their morning activities in their classrooms, as they are usually linked to work they are doing in class.

### Year One Library Dates

We visit the library on a Wednesday morning from 9:10-10:15.

8<sup>th</sup> June – Hummingbird  
15<sup>th</sup> June - Toucan  
22<sup>th</sup> June - Flamingo  
29<sup>nd</sup> June – Hummingbird  
6<sup>th</sup> July – Toucan  
13<sup>th</sup> July- Flamingo



### PE Days

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kits in school, including tracksuit bottoms / leggings and trainers/plimsolls as one of our PE sessions will be outside.

**Flamingo** – Monday and Tuesday

**Toucan** – Wednesday and Thursday

**Hummingbirds** – Tuesday and Thursday

**DT and Science Projects:** To help with our DT and Science work this half term we are in need 90 tubes for example Pringles tubes or kitchen roll tubes. If you have any of these please send into Year 1. We will be investigating materials to build a boat!

### Can you help??

We are always looking for parents to help on our trips to North End library. Sadly we are unable to go without your support!

If you have any queries or questions then please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of each day

Thank you for your continued support  
**The Year One Team ☺**

### Dates for your diary!

7/6/18 – Author visit- Steve Anthony.

WC 11/6/18- Phonics Screening week.

11/6/18- Pirates OpenBox workshop.

6/7/18 – Year 1 – Pirate Training Day.

9/7/18- INSET DAY school closed.

12/7/18- Sport's Day (more info. to follow)

13/7/18- Pirate art gallery extended morning session

19/7/18- Attendance Assembly.

24/7/18 – Last day of summer term.

# Our Topic is:

# Yo, Ho, Ho!

## Mathematics:



This half term in mathematics we will be exploring positional and directional language. We will be applying this language whilst trying to navigate to the hidden treasure. Following this we will be revisiting place value, working within 100! We will also be learning to count our treasure by recognising coins and notes. Finally we will be revisiting our understanding of time. Focusing on o'clock and half past.

## English:

This half term we will be continuing to focus our English lessons on good sentence structure and we will be thinking about how to improve our sentences. We will be writing pirate fact files, poems and a glossary of pirate words. We will also be learning about alphabetical order, capital letters and letter names. We will continue to work at improving our *cursive* handwriting style.

## Science:



We will be learning about the properties of materials and finding out through practical investigations which materials will float and which will sink. We will also be exploring seasonal changes now we are into summer!

## Computing:



We are Treasure hunters. We will be learning to program Beebots using algorithms. We will also be developing our word processing skills and learning to edit, save and print our work.

## Art & Design:



In art we will be practising our weaving skills and creating some colourful fish to show off our new skills. We will be creating our own pirate flags using felt.

## Design & technology:

To help us become budding Pirates, we will be designing and making our very own telescopes – Land ahoy me hearties!



## Music:



In our music lessons we will be listening to some traditional sea shanties, learning songs about pirates and creating our own pirate themed musical scores.

## Physical Education:

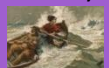


This half term we will be using our theme of Pirates as a stimulus for dance lessons. We will be honing our pirate skills as we practice climbing the rigging and walking the plank as part of our gym lessons. We will also be practising our Sports Day skills.

## History:



We will be learning about the history of pirates and some of the well-known pirates, both real and fictional. We will also be learning about the life and bravery of another famous sea fairer 'Grace Darling'.



## Geography:



We will be exploring continents and oceans. We will compare hot and cold places.

# Yo, Ho, Ho - Home Learning.

We have selected this as one of our Home Learning themes this year and would love the children to work on a project linked to our pirate topic at home. We have given you some ideas to consider below but this is not a definitive list and we would love to see your children using their imagination when deciding on a project. We would ask for projects to be brought to school by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.



## Ideas for Home Learning Project:

- Write a pirate story
  - Make a non-fiction book about pirates.
- Make your own pirate ship or treasure chest using old boxes, cartons etc.
- Make a parrot from clay, Paper Mache or collage materials.
- Make your own treasure map – you could stain the paper to make it look old. Maybe you could then write an algorithm to direct us to the treasure?

These are just a few ideas. I'm sure that you have many more ideas of your own and we look forward to seeing what you can do!

***Please bring your project into school by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, so that it can be included in our Pirate Gallery.***

