



Autumn Term Newsletter Year 2

English

We will be using stories and information books as a stimulus for our writing. Our books are: 'The Adventures of Sinbad', 'Captain Cook', 'The Tunnel' and 'Rapunzel'. Our writing focus will be around Description, Narrative, Poetry, Reported Speech and Letters. Basic skills such as punctuation, exciting vocabulary and extending sentences will be practised. We will also be focusing on sentence structure and using a range of sentences.

Maths

We will be continuing with number work, which includes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be exploring the properties of shape and we will begin to recognise, find and name fractions of a quantity. Measuring height and length will be our final topic of the term.

Land Ahoy!

Science

Our unit of work this term is 'Changing Materials'. During this unit of work, we will learn to describe the physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. We will compare materials and learn how to group them. We will also investigate the suitability of a variety of materials for particular uses and find out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

P.E.

We will be taking part in games this term. Our focus will be learning skills such as throwing and catching.

PSHE

We will be focusing on 'Kindness' and talking about what it means to us and how it can help our school.

R.E.

We are learning to re-tell Bible stories that show kindness, and to explore how this makes Christians behave towards other people.

Art

We will be completing observational drawings of boats, focussing on the fine details that we can recreate using pencil and charcoal.

We will be deepening our understanding of On-Line safety and gaining an understanding of Coding.

Topic

Geography - We will be looking at maps of the UK and the world, naming countries, oceans and continents. Using aerial views of real and imaginary maps we will design our own treasure map paying attention to geographical features that include a key. History - We will learn about the significance and impact of famous pirates like Blackbeard, Anne Bonny and a lady called Grace Darling.

Music

We will learn and experience what is meant by a PULSE or steady beat. We will explore how to keep a pulse (or steady beat) using actions whilst singing a song, and explore how to follow a changing tempo.