

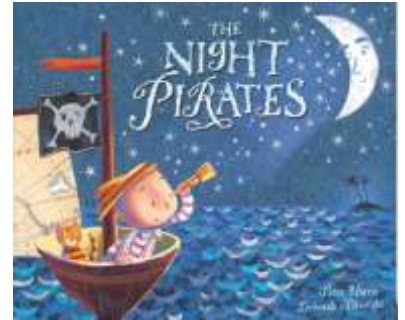


March 2024

Our topic this half term is...

‘Shipmates!’

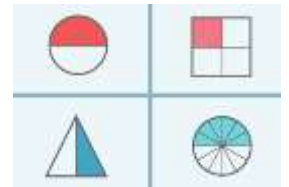
We are investigating the four ships that provide the names of our school houses: The Beagle, The Victory, The Endeavour and The Argo. We will cover as much of the curriculum as we can whilst learning about these. I wonder if your child knows any facts about ships or the five oceans?



In maths we will be working on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as place value to 100. We will also begin to look at fractions – partitioning halves and quarters.



Phonics continues to be taught daily as a whole class following Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS). Both classes are working really hard keeping up with the amount of phonemes that they are learning. The Phonics Screening Check for all Year 1 children will take place in June. Reading books will continue to be given out weekly. Many thanks with the efforts to continue reading at home! Please contact your class teacher/s if you have any questions about phonics or reading.



In science we will be exploring materials. We will be learning about different materials, their properties and their uses.

PE continues to be outdoors (Tuesday for 1R and Wednesday for 1MC) and indoors (Thursday for both classes). We will focus on the skills of agility, balance and co-ordination as well as continuing to work on ball skills. Please continue to send your children into school wearing their PE kit and remember to leave earrings at home and tie long hair back on these days.

In RE, the children will be learning about Christian Stories. They will be working to understand parables and what the underlying ‘message’ is.

In PSHE we will be talking about Diversity and Community. We will be specifically exploring what makes us ‘us’, our families and our wider communities.

We encourage you to discuss any of these areas with your children before, during or after our topic, as children and young people say that they greatly value being able to talk to their parents and carers about their learning.

We are very grateful for all of your support as we work together to support the children in their learning. Please do continue to talk to us about your child’s needs.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team