



# YEAR 2 - TERM 5

## Newsletter



**Welcome to Term 5 in Year 2!** We hope that you all had a lovely Easter and that you are as excited as we are for the summer term ahead. We have lots of fascinating learning coming your way! In the summer term we will be sailing into our new topic 'LAND AHOY!' We will get our learning off to ship shape start with a day of topic fun including orienteering and treasure hunts! Throughout the term we are going to explore and compare two contrasting locations in the UK, learn lots about explorers of the past and pirates! We will be using compasses, maps and atlases to discover new islands and to explore wonderful places around the world. We are even going to become partying pirates for a day- Aye Aye Captain!

Please continue to support your child's learning at home and please come and see me if you would like to discuss any ideas, worries or concerns, my door is always open.

**Phonics** As usual, we will be split into groups within our classes to ensure the children are getting the correct, targeted provision for their next steps.

Some of us are revising digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound!) and working on word building using these.

Others are learning alternative spellings for sounds they have already learned. They will be investigating patterns with these spellings to help them apply it within their writing and reading.

### English and Maths

In English and guided reading we will be exploring a variety of non-fiction texts, the language and layout used to support information retrieval. We will be writing book reviews, character descriptions and stories based on the familiar 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We will be using computing skills and reading to find fascinating facts linked to our geography topic and to support our non-chronological report writing about the Isle of Coll (a small island within the Outer Hebrides in Scotland). We will use our fascinating facts to develop our own tourist information guides/leaflets to encourage others to go on holiday to this island.

In Maths we will be applying last term's learning through a variety of problem solving contexts. We will be using measure and statistics to support us with our DT food project as well as time and money to support our seaside themed shopping venture! We will be learning about features of 3D shapes and continuing to develop our understanding of fractions through different contexts. As always, number and timetables will be a large focus for our mental maths fluency in preparation for the Juniors

**RE/Science/Humanities** This term we will look back at our Easter celebrations and retrospectively learn about Holy Week and the significance of Easter within our faith. We will also begin to learn about Pentecost with a focus on disciples and how they kept their promises.

The multi-faith element explores some of the things that Hindus do to show their faith.

Science will be linked to our story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and our DT project. We will be learning about electricity and circuits - how to make them, how electricity works and finally making our own working circuit to create working lighthouses.

In History we will be learning about 'Intrepid explorers' and the significance of Christopher Columbus.

**Reading/Spellings** Reading will continue to be a part of our morning activities. **Please make sure your child's book bag is in school every day.**

We are focussing on comprehension of reading through a variety of different genres. This leads to discussion and answering questions related to texts including predictions and inferring and deducing ideas based on what we already know.

Spellings will be linked to phonics and the spelling rules we will be learning in class as well as spelling errors picked up in marking to help consolidate their understanding.

### Targets/PE

This term the children will be working towards different targets set based on previous learning. They will be involved in self and peer evaluating against these.

PE will focus on team games within the context of Cricket on a **Friday**, and on a **Wednesday** we will be learning about a variety of athletic skills.

We will also continue to learn orienteering skills through geography.

**Please provide PE kit in school all week.**

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