

Welcome

Welcome back to Puffin Class and welcome to all our new Reception children. I hope you have had a brilliant summer and are all refreshed and ready to learn. This term our topics are 'Pirates' and 'Under the Sea'. I am sure the children will really enjoy these topics! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask them me before or after school. Miss Bestwick ☺

ICT In computing we will be focussing on creating work, storing it, printing it and retrieving it. We will also look at how to stay safe online including choosing appropriate sources when using search engines.

Geography and History In half term 1 'Pirates' we will be focussing on using the compass directions north, east, south, west. We will also look at famous pirates from the past including Blackbeard and Mary Read. In half term 2 'under the sea' we will be focussing on naming and locating the world's seven continents and five oceans. We will also look back in the past and look at animals adaptations and extinctions.

Music This half term we will be focussing on the objective, 'use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes'. We will be learning lots of pirate and under the sea songs. We will then add tuned and un-tuned music to these songs to add effect.

Reception Your child will have daily phonics lessons, numeracy activities and literacy activities. They will also have all areas of learning available indoors and outdoors. Each week your child will be heard read both individually and in guided reading.

Your child will have been given a reading book to take home. Please spend time with your child discussing pictures, looking for things that begin with sounds learned and making imaginative stories. Each time you hear your child read please record this in your child's diary. When you have read a book please return it and sign another out before or after school from their reading folder. Online reading is also available and linked the book band your child is on.

Each half term a homework sheet will come home. Each week, there is a reading, phonics, observation and #100thingstodobeforeyouare6 homework. Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions regarding these.

Reception learning journeys are updated daily. Please return your Tapestry consent form with email address. This will then allow you to create an account and view your child's learning journey at your leisure. It will also let you share any WOW moments you have at home with school.

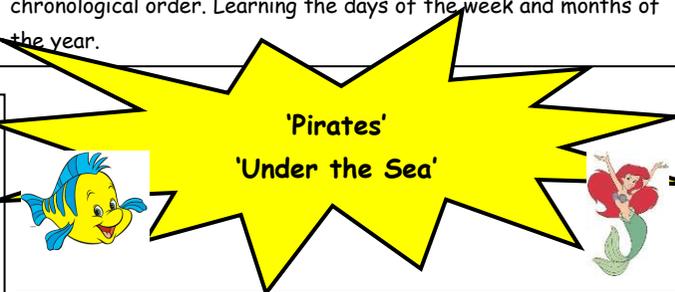
Numeracy (first 6 weeks)

Week 1: counting forwards and backwards to/from 100.

Identifying 1 more/less. Writing numbers to 20 in words.

Week 2: Practical addition and subtraction moving on to labelled number line. **Week 3:** multiplication as practical arrays. Division as practical sharing. **Week 4:** recognising coins and making amounts.

Week 5: count in 2s, 5s and 10s. **Week 6:** sequencing events in chronological order. Learning the days of the week and months of the year.



Literacy Each week our literacy will be focussed around key books. Some of our key texts are: 'The Beatles Yellow Submarine', 'The Fish Who Could Wish', 'Tiddler', 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale', 'Sharing a Shell', 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'Pirate Pete'.

Reception will be focussing on stories, retelling stories and making their own with props. They will also be working really hard on learning some sounds and their first tricky words in phonics (see attached homework).

Year 1 are going to focus on writing sentences. Firstly, focusing on using full stops and capital letters. Then we will look at different ways to make sentences interesting. We might use some adjectives, similes, wow words, connectives, adverbs... the sky is the limit!

Throughout each topic, your child will read and write fiction, non-fiction and poetry. During this topic we will be writing descriptions, recounts, diaries, fact pages, acrostic poems, shape poems and much more.

To enhance your child's writing, individual reading, handwriting, phonics and guided reading sessions will continue to take place each week.

Homework and Spellings Homework is sent home at the start of each half term. We ask that you aim to hear your child read every day. It does not have to be a whole book. Year 1 children, also get phonics, maths and #100thingstodobeforeyouare6 homework. There will be weekly spelling tests and dictations based on the sounds learnt the previous week. Homework will be shared with the class on a Monday.

Art and Design Technology We will be sketching, designing and making pirate ships using a range of tools. We will be drawing and painting sea creatures and scenes using a variety of tools and methods. We will experiment with marbling, balloon painting, bubble painting, finger painting and comb painting. If we have time we will also create some sea creature sculptures to add to our small world resources.

PSHE & SEAL - 'New Beginnings' We will be agreeing on class rules, getting to know each other and learning about our feelings and what to do at school when/ if we feel sad.

Science In Science we will be looking at two units 'animals including humans' and 'plants'. Children will be getting to know our local environment and will be learning to identify a variety of common wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will also be learning to describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. We will look closely at animals and start to name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Children will learn whether animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. They will learn to identify, draw, label and name the basic parts of the human and animal body and say which part is associated with each sense.

PE will take place every Thursday afternoon by professional PE coaches. Children can attend school wearing their PE kit so that all the lesson time is spent being active. Like every other day, children should have a refillable water bottle at school.

RE - 'Believing: Which people are special and why? What stories are special and why?' Children will discuss and share who is special to them and why. They will identify the qualities of a good friend and reflect on the question am I a good friend? They will read stories in the Bible that focus on friendship such as Jesus choosing his 12 disciples. We will also look at stories from other religions which focus on friendship.