



Year 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 2



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to our final half term of the academic year. We hope you all enjoyed a fun, exciting, and safe TT holiday and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. We are now looking forward to what promises to be a very busy and exciting half term, with lots of learning, events, and celebrations still to come before the end of the school year.

Please find below some key dates for your diary:

- Friday 19th June - Sports Day (Afternoon only)
- Monday 6th July - Tynwald day
- Friday 17th July - Reports and class letters home
- Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July - Time in new classes
- Wednesday 22nd July - Pirate day
- Thursday 23rd July - End of term



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REMINDERS

- Children need a water bottle and snack every day (snacks can be fruit, vegetables or plain biscuits).
- Children must have their reading records and reading books in school everyday, please make sure reading records are signed to show children have read at home.
- PE kits should all be in school.
- Please remember that children **should not** bring toys or collectibles into school from home. This includes items such as fidget toys, teddies, football cards, and similar belongings. We have noticed an increase in the number of these items being brought into school recently, and they are causing distractions and disruptions to learning. We would appreciate your support by checking your child's bag before they come to school to ensure that these items remain at home.

LITERACY

This half term, we will continue to develop our writing skills by using a range of verbs, nouns and adjectives to create simple, effective sentences. We will also be focusing on editing our work, learning how to improve our sentences to make our writing more interesting and impactful.

To link with our exciting pirate topic, the children will be taking part in a variety of creative writing activities. These will include designing and writing wanted posters for some of history's most famous pirates, creating messages in a bottle as though they are stranded on a deserted island, and exploring poetry through a range of fun pirate-themed poems.

We are looking forward to seeing the children's imagination and confidence as writers continue to grow throughout the half term.

MATHS

In Maths this half term, we have started learning about fractions. The children will be developing their understanding of fractions by recognising, finding, naming and writing fractions including $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of lengths, shapes, sets of objects and quantities. They will also learn to calculate simple fractions of quantities, for example understanding that $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 is 3, and will explore equivalent fractions, such as recognising that $\frac{2}{4}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$.

Alongside our work on fractions, we will continue to revisit and consolidate key mathematical skills that we have covered throughout the year. These include column addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, counting in different ways, properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and telling the time.

Regular opportunities to practise these skills at home will help to build confidence and prepare the children for the transition into their next year group.

TOPIC

Our topic this half term is Pirates. This follows on nicely from our previous topic, Waves, and has also been inspired by the children's own interests and curiosity.

The children have shown great enthusiasm for learning about pirates and have already come up with some fantastic questions, including: What jobs did pirates do? How did someone become a pirate? What roles were there on a pirate ship? Are there still pirates living today? Throughout the half term, we will be exploring these questions and developing our historical enquiry skills as we investigate pirate life and famous pirates from the past.

Alongside our research, we will be using the topic as an opportunity to be creative. The children will take part in a range of pirate-themed activities, including making treasure maps, designing telescopes, creating pirate crafts, and engaging in imaginative role-play. We are looking forward to an exciting half term of exploration, creativity and adventure as we set sail on our pirate journey!

PIRATE DAY

On Wednesday 22nd July, we will be holding a special Pirate Day to celebrate the end of our pirate topic. Children are invited to come to school dressed in pirate costumes and ready for a day full of exciting pirate-themed activities, games and crafts. We will spend the day immersing ourselves in all things pirate as we bring together everything we have learned throughout the topic.

This will be a lovely way to round off our pirate adventures and also an opportunity to celebrate all that we have achieved together during our time in Year 2. We are looking forward to making some wonderful memories and ending the year on a high!

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Teaching your children has been a genuine privilege, and we have thoroughly enjoyed being part of their learning journey. It has been wonderful to watch them grow in confidence, develop new skills, and thrive both academically and personally. We are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved.



Kind Regards
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