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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Newsletter: Spring 2 2018

Ahoy me hearties! This half term we will be exploring the question 'Is it a Pirate's life for me?' The children will learn about life on the open seas, Pirates from the past, experiment with water and different materials. We learn about different occupations and will decide, if it isn't a Pirates life for me...what will I want to do when I grow up? The role play this term will be a firm favorite with both boys and girls. A Pirate Infirmary. The children will continue to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books linked to the topic. Although the weather will be getting warmer (we hope!) it is still vital the children come to school correctly dressed. Please make sure that your child has got wellies and waterproof suits so they can enjoy exploring all the messy activities on offer.

Is it a Pirate's life for me?

Week 1: Are you brave enough to be a Pirate? We begin the topic reading a firm children's favourite; 'Captain Flinn' and discover what it means to be a Pirate. What is life like on a Pirate ship? What jobs did they do?

Week 2: What's in a Pirate's treasure chest? The children will love learning about different Pirates and hunting for treasure this week.

Week 3: Who shall I vote for captain? The children will learn about their rights to vote and decide who will lead our Pirate crew.

Week 4: What makes my favourite Pirate story so jolly? We look back at the different books we have read over the term and share our favourite. During this week we will also offer an Easter craft afternoon as we approach the end of the term. Details of this will follow soon, but book in your diaries Thursday 22nd March.

Week 5: Reflection week. If a Pirate's life is not for me, what would I like to be? What have we enjoyed finding out about Pirate's? To celebrate the end of the topic we are hoping to have an in-school pirate experience and are awaiting confirmation of this. We expect the price of this to be around £5. This will coincide with our pirate dress up day. Details about this will follow shortly, once arrangements have been confirmed. However, to give you a heads up, those of you not wanting to make your own pirate costume, there is currently 25% off in Sainsburys.

The children read with an adult 1:1 2 times a week. As well as additional guided reading in groups and story time. During these sessions, we practice our phonics. Please continue to support us and help your child to read at home every day and practice the sounds provided in their red books. It is vital that the children practice to read AND write the sounds and words provided.

PE will be on Fridays. Please make sure you have a labelled PE kit in school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians for their continued support this year. We value the relationships we have built over the year. Please come and see us anytime if you have any thing you wish to discuss, no matter how big or how small it might be. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Many Thanks

The Reception Team.

