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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Reception Newsletter: Spring 2 2019

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 and 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:** What is in a Pirate's treasure chest? The children will love learning about different Pirates and hunting for treasure this week. How do Pirate's keep their treasure safe and why?

**Week 2:** Who were the fiercest Pirates? We learn all about Captain Blackbeard, Anne Bonny and their pirate crew and ask the question - how did they keep clean?

**Week 3:** Would I like Pirate's food? We explore the types of things that Pirates ate and the problems being at sea gave them in relation to food. We explore the importance of Vitamin C and a healthy diet.

**Week 4:** Can we make food fit for a Pirate? This is where we get creative in the kitchen and make some food for us to eat if we were at sea.

**Week 5:** Who shall I vote for as Pirate Captain? Our children learn all about democracy as we vote for who has the right traits to lead us in our Pirate adventures!

**Week 6:** So, is it a Pirate's life for me? 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 on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. There is a letter and a payment code to follow. This will coincide with our pirate dress up day. There are lots of amazing ideas for homemade costumes online, though for those of you not wanting to make your own pirate costume, there is usually 25% off in Sainsbury's soon!

**Week 7:** Why is Easter Special? We share the Easter story this week and explore the real meaning of this Christian Celebration. We visit the church for the whole school worship this week and take part in lots of reflective activities.



Our Personal and Social Learning (Jigsaw) centres around 'Healthy Me' this half term. Exploring the ways we can stay healthy in our body and in keep a mindful mind.

**We will be holding an Easter Craft afternoon on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 1.30 p.m. to which parents and grandparents are invited. More details will follow but please put the date in your diary!**

The children read in a small teaching group each week and have some additional session 1:1 with a teacher. During these sessions, we practice our phonics and application of quick words and other reading skill such as using the initial sound and pictures to read unfamiliar words. Please continue to support us and help your child to read at home at least three times per week and sign the diary each time.

Home Learning Activities need to be completed three times a week and should be chosen from your child's phonics work book. These books contain the expectations for the pupils at the end of the year and have lots of fun and engaging activities for you to do at home. Our home learning is tracked and colour coded in the Record of Achievement which you will receive at the end of this term.

PE will be on Wednesdays. Please make sure you have a labelled PE kit in school and children with pierced ears must have plasters to cover their ears.

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

