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Reception Newsletter: Spring 2 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

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? It is also Pancake Day and we will be making snacks for the day!

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? This week is also World Book Day. We are not dressing up, but will be celebrating the love of reading with a variety of different activities. Please feel free to send in your favourite books for us to share.

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. On the 9th of this week, it is our science celebration day. Children can come dressed up... anything science related... space, dinosaurs, Dr's... PLANET now!

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: 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?

Week 6: 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. To celebrate the end of the topic we are have an in-school pirate experience on 2nd April 2020. The letter and payment information has been sent already. This will coincide with our pirate dress up day. There are lots of amazing ideas for home made costumes online, though for those of you not wanting to make your own pirate costume, there is usually 25% off in Sainsburys soon! In addition to this, we are setting you a 'cracking' Easter challenge! On the afternoon of Monday 30th March, we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade. Information for this will be sent out on a separate letter. We will be asking families to make an Easter Bonnet. The best will win an egg-cellent prize! No yoke!



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.

Daily phonics and maths will continue. We will send out a group message highlighting what is being covered in your child's phonics group, so you may practice these areas at home. Guidance is given in the Phonics Workbook that was given out at the start of the year and again at parents evening. Three activities from this book should be completed each week and the diary signed accordingly. This will be tracked and used to inform the Record of Achievements. The expectation is that you read with your child 3 times a week and complete the 3 phonic activities, which will constitute a 'green' comment on the Record of Achievement. Less than this will be 'amber' or 'red'.

PE will be on Wednesday mornings. Please make sure you send in a labelled kit to keep in school.

To support your child's learning further, why not take advantage of sending us wonderful achievements via dojo. Whether it be paintings, models, riding a bike or helping to tidy up. We would love to hear about it.

We really enjoyed getting to know you all this year and value the relationships we have built with you. Please don't be shy! If we can support you in anyway, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team

