



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks so much for all your support last term and we hope you had a relaxing half term break. We shall be covering the following areas this half term. Our main topic will be '**Pirates Ahoy!**'. We will be looking at contrasting settings and areas in the UK and the Caribbean and linking these to familiar settings and a little bit of pirate adventure!

	<b>Curriculum covered this half-term</b>	<b>Optional suggestions for home-learning</b>
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Spelling:</b>  <b>Words from the national curriculum statutory word lists.</b>            Words linked to alternative phonics and HFW.</p> <p><b>Grammar:</b>            Verbs            Adjectives and descriptive language.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b>            Stories with familiar settings – pirate adventures.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b>            Guided reading and shared reading of pirate stories.            Developing the children's accuracy, fluency skills with a buddy reading scheme called 'Peer Assisted Learnings' with Year 5.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b>            Consolidation of curved letters and letter joins.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/</a></p> <p>When reading stories at home, talk about the settings and what the settings have in them. Can they create a story setting?</p> <p><a href="http://www.ictgames.com/poopDeckPirates/index.html">http://www.ictgames.com/poopDeckPirates/index.html</a></p>
<b>Maths</b>	Calculating, measuring and understanding shape Securing number facts, calculating, identifying relationships between number facts. Co-ordinates, directions and positional language.	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.maths-games.org/time-games.html">http://www.maths-games.org/time-games.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.mathlearningcenter.org/web-apps/geoboard/">http://www.mathlearningcenter.org/web-apps/geoboard/</a></p>
<b>Science</b>	Grouping and Changing materials	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/</a></p>
<b>ICT</b>	Creating a picture, including importing pictures. Calendars. Touch typing	
<b>Geography</b>	Caribbean Contrasting locations Map skills	Exploring different books/websites about the Caribbean and Caribbean culture.
<b>PE</b>	Dance	
<b>DT</b>	Pirate ships and paraphernalia	
<b>Art</b>	Pirate portraits. Ship sketching.	

<b>Be the best you can be! PSHE</b>	Friendships Bullying / Anti bullying	
<b>RE</b>	Christianity – Church, Christmas	<a href="http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/carolrb/christianity/christian_festivals.html">http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/carolrb/christianity/christian_festivals.html</a>
<b>Music</b>	Patterns in sound	
<b>French</b>	Greetings	

Please send the children in with a **water bottle** every day, to keep them hydrated as they learn. If you have any materials we could use for junk modelling you please also send those in, as they would be useful during art or any practical lessons. If you also have any artefacts from Mexico that we could look at, please send them in.

### **Dates for your diary**

Pirate Dress Up Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Eagle's class assembly	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 9:05am
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Pantomime Visit	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.

With best wishes,

Shauna Sweeney and Rebecca Troman  
**Year 2 Class Teachers**