



# Class 1/2M Newsletter

**'We can and will succeed'**

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## Message from the staff:

Welcome to 1/2 M! We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. We are really pleased with how well all the children have settled into class and how hard they have been working already. We are really looking forward to getting to know everyone better and the exciting year we have planned ahead.

## Class Topic: Shiver Me Timbers

In our first half term we will be learning about the journeys and the lives of explorers and pirates. Through our topic, we will be looking at the continents and oceans of the world and learning about the people who travelled the seas many years ago.

We will use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features and devise simple maps. We will end the topic by 'walking the plank' into a pirate filled fun day.



## Science: Animals including humans-Diet and Health

This unit is focused on engaging children in what it takes to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle, primarily through a balanced diet, exercise, and taking care of their bodies. It will help children understand health better and come to positive conclusions on how to stay healthy.

## Maths: Place Value

This half term in maths we will be focusing on place value. We will revisit reading and writing numbers and understand place value using hundreds, tens and ones. We will be sorting, counting and comparing objects and numbers and looking at the different ways number can be represented.



We will also be counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and one less than a number. Year 2 children will look at ten more and tens less and revisit knowledge of counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s from any number, forward and backwards.

## English:

In English the children will be reading the pirate themed story books. 'The Pirate Cruncher' by Jonny Duddle and 'Imagine you're a pirate.' by Peg Leg Meg and Lucy Blackheart. We will be using these books to learn how to use interesting adjectives, exclamation marks, question marks and speech marks to create our own stories.



We will explore some non-fiction texts too, to help us research pirate life and create our own letters and messages that could have been sent ashore. We will continue our daily guided reading and phonic sessions to strengthen the children's reading and writing ability further.

## PHSE

Using the Jigsaw scheme, we will be learning about 'Being me in my world' where we will be learning about belonging in a community and welcoming others.

## RE:

In RE we will consider the meaning behind prayer and the reasons for doing it.

What is prayer?

Why do people pray?

## Home Reading

Starting from next week your child's reading book will be changed 2 times a week (Monday and Friday). Please make sure that you write a comment in their reading record to show how they are getting on with the book they have been given. This way, we can make sure that your child is reading the books they can understand and enjoy. You do not always have to read the entire book every night. Focus on 2 pages and talk about the characters, setting and plot in a lot of detail.

## Days/Dates to remember:

- ◆ PE this term will be on a **Thursday** and **Friday**. Please send your child with a change of PE kit on these days.
- ◆ Homework and spellings will be set on Seesaw on a Friday starting next week. Spelling tests will on Friday the following week.