

Learning at Home

First of all a huge well done to all of you for the time and effort that you have put into home schooling your children, you should be incredibly proud of the quality of work that your children have achieved. The results have been truly fantastic and it has been wonderful to see all of the photographs that you have sent in.

Now that we are beginning to re-open school to more children, it is wonderful to see them walking back through the school gates again. However we do understand that some of you are not quite ready to return yet. As such we will continue to put home learning on the school website daily for you to complete. There are also a couple of tasks for you to enjoy that will help you to understand some of the learning that we are doing this half term.

Please upload pictures of your work and any fun activities that you are doing to class dojo and we will continue to award Dojo points for all of your efforts.

As this is the last half term before the summer holiday it would be wonderful if we could see you all back together again soon. We will keep our fingers crossed and look forward to the day that we can see you all again.

Floating and sinking

Collect a few different items from around the house and a bowl of water. Test each item to see if it will float or sink? Sort the items into the correct group and take a photograph. Can you say why they float or sink?



Pirate Picnic

Make a pirate picnic with all of your favorite pirate food. Try Ship Ahoy sandwiches and Jolly Roger biscuits. Have a go at making them yourself, just ask your grown ups permission first matey!



Learning in Reception



Aqua Explorers

Learning in Early Years

This half term we will be learning all about life both on and under the ocean waves.

We will be examining the creatures that live there and going on a virtual trip to the Sea Life centre. We will be reading fun stories about pirates, and we will imagine what it would be like to meet a pirate! What would we do if we saw one? We will be making pirate food, writing lists of ingredients, and writing messages in bottles for the pirates to read!

Learning in Literacy

Speaking and Listening

We will be learning lots of lovely new vocabulary related to sea creatures, and the oceans, and describing their habitat. We will also be learning important pirate words, through songs and stories, and art.

Our daily phonics sessions will continue, during which we will consolidate knowledge of digraphs such as ee, ay, ow, igh.

Reading

We will be reading lots of exciting stories about pirates, such as Pirates Love Underpants, The Pirate next door and Pirate Princess. These are all fun stories that the children will love to read. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts, such as information books and rhymes and poems.

Writing

We will have a range of writing, for example writing recipes for pirate food, designing posters, writing messages in bottles, writing rhymes and making fact books. By now we will be consolidating using finger spaces, capital letters in the correct places, and full stops at the end of a sentence. We will be segmenting words with confidence, and forming letters correctly!

Working together, parents as partners.

This is an important term for consolidating knowledge and understanding, as our children get ready for Key Stage 1.

Please help by reading, writing and counting forwards and back with your child, on a daily basis.



Learning Outdoors

We will be investigating water outdoors, including testing out objects that sink, and objects that float. We will have a go at creating our own pirate ships to sail in the water trays, using a variety of materials to find out what works and what doesn't work so well! We will also use outdoor learning to investigate concepts such as weight and capacity, by comparing and weighing objects, and by using water and sand. We will also look after our plants and notice changes.

Learning in Maths

We will be revisiting key skills such as one more/fewer than any number to at least 20, counting one to one, ordering and writing numbers, and calculating using adding, subtracting, doubling and halving. We will name 2D and 3D shapes, and be able to talk about them using mathematical words. We will be using money and making patterns.

Role Play and Small World

We will be little pirates and pirate princesses in the role play corner, making pirate food in the play kitchens indoors and outdoors. We will make telescopes, hats and hooks to accessorise ourselves so we really look the part. Arrrgh! We will be building pirate dens outside, digging for treasure, making maps with X to find the treasure. We will pretend to sail boats across the oceans, and sing sea shanties as we go exploring!



Points to Remember

Due to the current restrictions and to ensure the safety of all children we ask that the children do not bring anything from home into school such as PE kits or book bags.

When your child attends school please send in sun cream labelled with your child's name for when the sun shines. Also ensure all jumpers have names inside and it is always a great idea for the children to have a sunhat as they spend a lot of time learning outdoors.