

# Learning at Home

We cannot stress enough the importance of spending time with your children enjoying activities and time in the outdoors. Please continue to support your child with their reading and write your comments in their reading record book. We would also like to provide you with learning ideas that you can complete as a family. The below activities are meant to be fun and enjoyable for everyone. If your child is not engaging, then leave it for a while and try again another day. The activities can be completed at anytime over the half term and brought into school for the children to celebrate with their friends.

Thank you.

## Design a Pirate Flag



Pirates fly a flag on the mast of their ships called "The Jolly Roger". It is black with a skull and crossbones on it and was made famous by the pirate Captain Blackbeard. Can you make up your very own pirate name and design your own pirate flag?

## Fins or Legs?



Some underwater creatures have fins and some have legs. Can you write a list of three animals with legs and three with fins? Don't forget to use bullet points in your list!



# Learning in Reception



# Aqua Explorers

## Learning in Early Years

### "Aqua Explorers"

This half term we will enjoy exploring the oceans, the pirates who sailed them and the creatures that live in them.

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!

We will also enjoy a virtual trip to the aquarium to see the creatures that live in the ocean and along its shoreline.

## Learning in Literacy

### Speaking and Listening

We will be learning lots of lovely new vocabulary related to sea creatures, and the oceans, and describing how things move. We will also be learning important pirate words, through songs, 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, like Pirates Love Underpants, a fun story the children will adore! We will also be looking at non-fiction texts, such as information books, rhymes and poems.

### Writing

We will be writing in lots of different genres. For example, we will write recipes for pirate food, design posters, write messages in bottles, write rhymes and we will make 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 every day.



## Learning Outdoors

We will be investigating 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 continue to look after our plants and notice as they grow and change.

## Learning in Maths

In maths, we will be continuing to both consolidate and extend our learning in Number and Shape, Space and Measure. In number we will look at further addition and subtraction along with exploring doubling, halving and sharing. In shape, space and measure we will be using mathematical language to describe 2D and 3D shapes and investigating time by sequencing events. We will also be using our mathematical knowledge to solve problems in real contexts.

## 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 and 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

Please bring reading bags into school on Mondays so that we can quarantine the books and have them ready to send home again on Friday.

Please send in a sun hat and sun cream labelled with your child's name for when the sun shines and ensure all jumpers have names inside.

Children will also continue to wear their P.E kits for school on P.E days.

**Snowdrops—Tuesday**

**Daffodils—Tuesday**

**Bluebells—Wednesday**

