

Learning at Home

In our final half term, in phonics, we will be consolidating the segmenting of words and focus heavily on the children's ability to write sentences. You can help your children by rehearsing sentences orally and get them to break up each sentence into words. In addition to single letter sounds it would be useful if children know these sounds by heart when segmenting and blending:

Ay, ee, igh, ow (snow), oo (cool), ou (shout), oy, air, ar, ir (girl)

Please continue to practise reading and writing "tricky words" at home. The below words are words we would expect children to read by the time they get to Year 1:

the, go, into, to, no, I, she, he, we, be, me, you, was, are, all, they, were, said, of, what, said, so, do, have, come, when.

Please may we remind you to send in book bags every day. Please also take time to read with your child for a few minutes every day whether this be at story time or reading a letter or signs on the way to school, as this helps to develop strong confident reading skills. Help your child learn to love books and reading by snuggling up at the end of the day for a bedtime story.

You could support your child's mathematical understanding by finding lots of opportunities to add groups of objects together like tins in shopping trolleys, socks in drawers or books on shelves. Have a go at looking for 2D and 3D shapes in your local environment. You could also practise sharing sweets/toys into two groups and explore the meaning of halving and doubling.

We are continuing to use the ClassDojo programme and we would encourage all parents to take part in sharing your learning at home. This will help to better the communication between staff, pupils and parents in and out of school time. Children will be awarded Dojo points for any evidence of home learning including the returning of WOW sheets which can be found on the Home Learning Board, the filling in of reading records and returning of spelling and handwriting sheets.

If you ever wish to speak to us about your child's learning come speak to us at any time. Thank you for your support over the year. One last push!

Learning in Reception



Who lives in a rock pool?

Learning in Early Years

"The Sea"

This half term we will be learning about the creatures that live in rock pools and our oceans such as; crabs and starfish and fish, jellyfish, sharks and whales.

We will be examining shells and sea weed, and maybe a crab! 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 how things move. 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, like Pirates Love Underpants, a fun story the children will adore! 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

We still need the reading bags to come into school every day.

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

Please make sure your child has a PE kit, white tee shirt and black shorts, and PE pumps (indoor) or trainers (outdoor) that fit, as your child will be taking part in outdoor PE sessions.