

Year 1 Newsletter

Learning Challenge: Can I make my pirate boat float?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas. Many thanks for the cards and gifts sent in to us before Christmas, all staff are extremely grateful. Our new topic for this half term is 'Pirate Life', we'll be learning all about pirates and how they lived. We'll be using pirate maps to learn the names of the continents and oceans and to improve our locational knowledge. We'll also be learning about what life was like in the past and compare it to our life nowadays. We're looking forward to another very busy and fun half-term and to seeing your child's pirate map as part of their learning challenge homework!

Days to Remember

Class Assembly	19 th March
Visits	TBC
Half term	18 th -22 nd February
Learning Challenge Event	Friday 15 th February



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Class Teacher: Mrs. Copeland

Class Support: Mrs. Mathiethasson

Special Notices

Please ensure your child is at school on time and in the correct school uniform.

Lessons begin at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

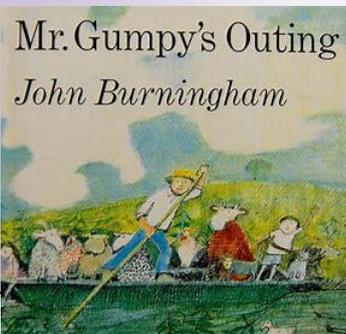
Values:

January: Hope
February: Appreciation

Learning Challenge:

In this learning challenge we will explore questions like "What is a pirate? What was pirate life like?" In English we will be reading pirate themed books and we'll be looking at features of recounts and narratives. We'll also have a go at writing our own instruction text on how to make a pirate hat. In Maths we will carry on practising solving problems involving the 4 operations and we'll learn to know the value of different notes and coins. We'll also begin to measure and record capacity and volume. In Science we will investigate the different kinds of materials to make a pirate boat and observe the changes in the weather as it starts to get warmer outside.

Mr. Gumpy's Outing
John Burningham



Pupil Zone



Please make sure your child is regularly using the Pupil Zone area of the school website with access to plenty fun games to help their learning as well as access to homework!

Quick tips to support learning at home

- Helping your child to **complete and return all homework.**
- Encouraging your child to **learn their times tables to develop automaticity.**
- Read, question and discuss books/vocabulary with your child for at least **20 mins every night.**
- Reading and discussing the "Wednesday Word" every week with your child.
- If your child wants to play on the computer/ipad direct them to the Pupil Zone on our website!

Growth Mindset

Why do some people achieve their potential while others do not?

In school we have been focussing on the importance of our mindset. Our mental attitude can determine how we interpret and respond to situations.

We tell the children the brain is like a muscle that gets stronger and better the more it is exercised. This sends the message that intelligence can be learnt, and that we are not born 'intelligent'. But with hard work and persistence our brain makes new connections and we become smarter.

We have been focussing on the power of the word 'yet'. When children find their work challenging their response is 'I can't do it yet!', knowing that if they keep trying, eventually, they will be able to feel that sense of achievement.