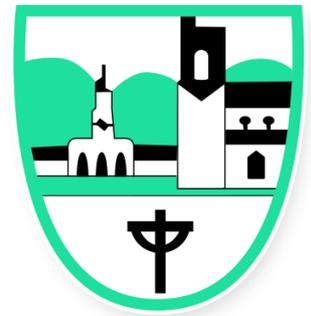


Class 2 News



Summer Term 2017

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to School! We hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

What a fantastic Spring term we had! We would again like to thank you for all your support with the homework and reading. It is really helping support your child.

There were many highlights of last half term including sending letters to Mrs Dunn, making racing cars and our sensational class worship!

As you are aware reading is a vital part of your child's education. We would appreciate if you could make a note of when your child reads at home in their home reader and continue to support your child with their homework. Don't forget to log on to the bug club to access the amazing e-books.

Can you also please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit for outdoors as hopefully with an improvement in the weather, we will be taking advantage of the field and outdoor space.

Don't forget to check the back for a list of useful websites related to our topics and to support your children with English and Numeracy at home.

Many thanks,

Class 2 Team



We went on an amazing trip to Hartlepool Museum.

PE Kit Reminder

Children **must** have a change of clothing and footwear for PE. *Our PE day is Thursday.*

Indoor PE Kit: Plain black or navy shorts and a white or blue plain t-shirt.

Outdoor PE Kit: As above but with additional jogging bottoms, jogging top (no hood) and trainers.



Please ensure that all your child's personal clothing and property is clearly named.

Uniform

We love all the children to wear school uniform. It gives the children a sense of pride and belonging to the school and it looks wonderful.

- ★ Dark blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- ★ Dark blue skirt/pinafore
- ★ Blue, grey or black trousers
- ★ White or blue polo shirt
- ★ Blue gingham dress
- ★ Sensible footwear (no trainers)

Jewellery shouldn't be worn for health and safety reasons. Please help us to enforce this.

Homework

Reading

Reading at home is extremely important! We would love to see your child's 'Home Reading Diaries' at **least three times a week** please. Your child will take a book home from school that is appropriate for their level.

Please make sure all reading books are back in school on **Friday** as this is the day we will change them.

If you have forgotten the log in to the Bug Club (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) please do not hesitate to contact Mr Piper. The school code is 1qt3.

Maths

Practise number bonds to 10/20, counting in ones, twos, fives and tens to 100 forwards and backwards.

We are also learning our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and the division facts that go with them! It would be great if you could practise these at home with your child.

Maths

- ★ Counting to 100
- ★ 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables
- ★ Finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$
- ★ Time
- ★ Shape
- ★ Multiplication and Division
- ★ Number bonds to 10/20/100
- ★ Place Value
- ★ Written methods of Addition
- ★ Written methods of Subtraction
- ★ Puzzle and Problem solving
- ★ Money

English

- ★ Character Description
Children will create a description of Captain Cook describing his appearance and personality.
- ★ Story Writing
The children will write a story about Peter Pan and a new adventure, they will write about Captain Cook with a descriptive setting, speech and paragraphs.
- ★ Recount
The children will write a recount after our visit to the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum.

Science

- ★ Plants
The children will be exploring our local environment to discover which plants and trees grow in the wild. We will identify them and look at the different parts and their functions. Children will also learn how to grow a plant from a seed and what is needed to ensure it stays alive. They will also find out what different uses plants have.



Captain Cook

This term we will be learning all about the famous explorer Captain Cook. The children will find out all about his life and how he voyaged around the world to discover new lands. We will be visiting the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum to take part in a range of activities to see what life might have been like on board the HMB Endeavour. We will also take a closer look at Australia and compare it to the UK. The children will also be creating some Australian tribal art dot paintings.



ICT

Programming

★ Children will be entering instructions using a bee bot to enable it to navigate around a maze. They will also be debugging codes to ensure the bee bot follows the correct route.

Multimedia

★ We will also be using apps on the iPad to create green screen videos to transport us back to the time of Captain Cook to present our work.

RE

★ Ascension and Pentecost

Children will begin to develop their knowledge and understanding of these two very significant events. They will have the opportunity to begin to explore the concept of God as three in one and emphasise the importance of these events in the life of Jesus and the Church, then and now.

PSHCE

★ Save Our Jack- this unit looks at being a responsible citizen in the local community. We will look at what makes us happy to be a part of our community and how the different cultural communities in Great Britain make a positive contribution.

Maths

- ★ Number bonds to 10/20
- ★ Times Tables
- ★ Doubles, halves, quarters and thirds
- ★ Measure and make comparisons about weight, length and volume
- ★ Handling Data
- ★ Count/add/subtract measures and money
- ★ Time
- ★ Position and directions
- ★ Recognising and describing 2D/3D shapes
- ★ Symmetry
- ★ Right Angles

English

- ★ Instructions
Children will write a set of clear instructions on how to catch a crocodile or fairy.
- ★ Fantasy Lands
The children will write stories based around the theme of Peter and Pan and Pirates after reading a variety of stories to inspire them.
- ★ Letters
They will write a message in a bottle after the pirate ship they were travelling on to find treasure becomes shipwrecked on a mysterious island.

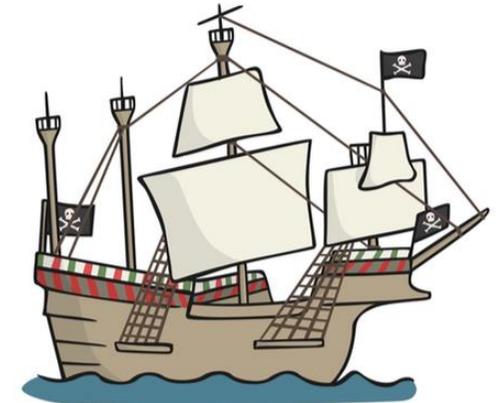
Science

- ★ Scientists and Inventors
The children will find out about some of the most famous scientists from history and carry out lots of different investigations to test their theories.
From sensory gardens to measuring the weather, it is certainly going to be a busy half term.



Peter Pan and Pirates

In this topic, the children will be finding out if it is a pirate's life for them! We will be again looking at maps of the world, the continents and oceans. Children will use what they have learned so far to create their own maps and plot their own pirate journeys. We will also build on our work about Captain Cook and discover what it was like to live on board a ship in the past.



ICT

Technology in Our Lives

- ★ Children will contribute to a class blog, use digital cameras and other portable technology to record events.

RE

- ★ What Matters the Most
The children will have the opportunity to consider what matters most to them and why. We will look at the lives of other people and decide what matters most to them.
- ★ Joseph
They will explore one of the most well-known epic stories of the Old Testament and talk about the actions and feelings of the characters and relate them to their own experiences. The children will learn more about the nature and characteristics of God.

PSHCE

- ★ Exploring Our Community- this unit will focus on who lives in our community and what the important places are. We will discuss what we like best about where we live and what we would like to change.
- ★ Bear Hunt – this unit will focus on what life is like for people with poor sight and we will discuss risk-taking.

Websites to help support your child at home...

Remember there are also spelling, punctuation and grammar games Mr Piper has selected to support your child on the Bug Club (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)



Take a look at these to help with our topics...

Learn lots of facts about Captain Cook at...

http://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/Captain_james_cook.php

Find some printable activities including how to draw Captain Cook...

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/captain-cook>

Lots of fun pirate activities...

<http://www.the-pirate-ship.com>

and...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/swashbuckle-online>