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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term our topic is pirates and the seaside.

Topic Focus	Pirates/Seaside
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	This term we are busy revising all our phonemes and graphemes. We have lots of lovely books on pirates, lighthouses and the seaside to accompany our topic and will be using these books as prompts for our writing. We will be practising adding suffixes to words and will be working on making our sentences more interesting by adding adjectives and conjunctions. We will continue to practise our tricky words and make sure our presentation is fantastic!
Maths	This term we will be developing further our knowledge and understanding of the four operations: addition, subtraction, sharing and sets of objects (multiplication) and using this to solve word problems. We will be looking at money and learning to recognise coins. We will also be developing our understanding and use of mathematical language associated with fractions, positional language and direction.
Science	In science we will be labelling a human body and investigating our senses. We will continue to think about seasons and associated weather. We will investigate properties of materials including floating and sinking.
RE	The RE focus this term is why the Church is a special place for Christians.
Computing	Our focus this term will be E safety.
PSHE	We will be looking at ways to keep ourselves safe including water safety. We will look at managing change as we prepare for Year 2.
Art and DT	We will be making bathing machines using wheels and axles. We will be looking at and creating our own Pointillism artwork.
History and Geography	We will be looking at Victorian seaside holidays and comparing them with our experiences today. We will also be learning about the historical figure Grace Darling. We will learn about compass points and the oceans of the world.
Music	As musicians we will learn songs, continuing to focus on pulse through physical movement. We will explore pitch changing from high to medium to low. We will create our own Pirates music score using high, medium and low pitch chime bars.
PE	Children <u>must</u> have the following: t shirt, shorts/leggings, socks and trainers. PE kits need to be in school at all times. Please ensure their kit is <u>clearly named</u> so we can find it more easily if it goes missing. Un-labelled kit left in the classroom will be popped into the lost property box. Children will be studying multi skills and team games in preparation for Sports Day.

Important Summer Dates :

8th May: Pirate Day – come in dressed as a pirate for lots of swashbuckling activities.

11th - 15th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

27th June 1W class assembly

Seaside Day – History off the Page: Date to be confirmed. Price should be approximately £8. It is a fantastic day filled with exciting activities that children can take part in based in school!

Weather

As the weather gets sunnier, please ensure the children have a sun hat that they can use for our outdoor activities. You may also include sun cream (NAMED); the children will be responsible for putting this on themselves. Children can also bring a water bottle into school. Please ensure they are clearly named!

PE

Please make sure your child has indoor (shorts and t-shirt) and outdoor kit (a pair of trainers/plimsolls, a jumper/jacket and long trousers) at school and that every item is clearly named (please check written labels haven't worn off through washing).

Reading

Thank you for all your support reading with your child at home. Children have an opportunity to change their book daily in school but it is their responsibility to tell us that they need to change their book. Please ensure your child only takes one book at a time so everyone can fairly access this limited resource. Please make sure your child brings their reading record book in their book bag every day.

Name it!

Please can you check that your child's school uniform is named, particularly cardigans and jumpers as they tend to get taken off during the school day. Sometimes we struggle to return lost items because the name has worn off or it is second hand and still has someone else's name in it. Also lots of children have the same water bottle but these are not named either, which can be tricky for the children to then know which one belongs to them.

Summer Fair

This year, each year group will be responsible for a stall at the summer fair. The children will be invited to sign up to help on their stall if appropriate. We would also greatly appreciate any help from parents/carers to run the stall. If you are able to help, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Every year, the PTA collects prizes for the raffle from local companies. If you are able to offer a prize/you know of a company that would be willing to donate a prize, please contact a member of the PTA committee or your child's class teacher.

We appreciate any help you can offer us as parents. If you would like to help out in the classroom or if you have any questions concerning the curriculum or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wallace / Mrs Hill (1 Maple) and Miss Lee (1 Willow) and Miss Wilkinson (1 Beech)