

Key Stage One Newsletter

Autumn 1 2021



Welcome back!

We hope you have all enjoyed your summer holidays! It is lovely to welcome all the children back to school in their new classes and we have been very impressed with the way they have settled so quickly into the term. The children should certainly feel very proud of themselves!

Topic this term

Our topic this term is '**Land Ahoy!**' We will be studying a wide range of exciting texts on this theme in our English and theme lessons, including the Captain Flinn stories. In science we will be learning about materials and their properties, investigating floating and sinking and making a raft for a pirate. In art and DT we will be learning to sketch and draw a pirate ship, as well as designing our own flags. In geography we will look at the different oceans and seas of the world. In the last week of half term we will have a Pirate Pyjama day (date to follow.) In our R.E. lessons we will be learning about Christianity and the Creation Story. After the half term holidays we will then look at some famous pirates, including Blackbeard and Anne Bonny.



P.E days

Please note the following P.E. days for each Key Stage 1 class. Your child should come to school in their P.E. kit on the following days:

Blue Class P.E. - Wednesday.

Yellow Class P.E. - Tuesday.

Orange Class P.E. - Monday and Thursday.

Earrings are not permitted and should be removed before P.E. lessons. Please note that staff are not allowed to remove earrings.



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from the KS1 team



Spelling Shed



Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. These will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us! We know it can be a little busy at the gate, but please don't hesitate to get in touch for any queries or concerns.

Many thanks for your continued support!

Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child as often as possible, and **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. Reading diaries will be checked weekly and children who have their reading diary signed 4 times each week will receive House Points and a reward at the end of the half term. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books each week.

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Ms Grace and Mrs Trenowden ☺