

Year 2 – Puffins



Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Get ready to take to the high seas and set sail in search of treasure! We'll read information books, investigate amazing sea rescues and write postcards and poetry influenced by the sea. Our science skills will help us to understand how boats float and we'll design and make model ships using a variety of materials. We'll study paintings of boats and draw detailed pictures of our own. Our map reading skills will help us to identify different seas and oceans, and we'll learn about famous sea explorers. Stories of pirates will inspire us to make pirate flags, treasure maps and fact files. We'll even find out how to talk and sing like a pirate! Shiver me timbers; it's going to be good!

- In English, we will be writing stories, descriptions, information books, poetry and postcards.
- In Maths, we will be continuing to follow the White Rose Maths Scheme with a focus on geometry (properties of shape) and fractions. We will continue to learn our multiplication tables, and the times tables focus in year 2 is x2, x3, x5, and x10. Please encourage your child to do a little every day, they can also find some engaging times tables songs on YouTube to help them and Times Tables Rockstars (which they have passwords for).
- In PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics (points of contact) and games (throwing and catching skills). Our PE days will continue as **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure your child has their kit in school every day and we will send them home at the end of every half term to be washed. *All children need shorts for gymnastics, as it is not safe for them to be on the apparatus in tracksuit bottoms. They will also need a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for outside PE, and trainers in a plastic bag as the weather warms up.*
- In Music, our focus will be on listening to and joining in with sea shanties and traditional songs sung by or about sailors.
- In RE we will be focussing on the overarching question- How do we show we care for the Earth? Why does it matter?
- In ICT, our focus is on 'Effective Searching' - Children will learn the terminology associated with searching, will gain a better understanding about searching on the internet and create a leaflet to help someone search for information on the internet. Creating Pictures - Children will use 2Paint A Picture to create art based upon a style (Impressionist, Pointillist and Piet Mondrian's work)
- In PSHE, our focus is 'Healthy Me. We will think about what a healthy diet looks like, the importance of being physically active and how to stay safe.
- In Science, we are looking at different types of boats and the materials that are used. We will be making our own boats out of plasticine and experimenting with different shapes to see which floats the best. We will also be looking at the basic needs of animals and humans, as well as, the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.
- Please ensure that your child continues to read daily, recording it in the home/school partnership book. When you are hearing your child read, please ask them questions such as why the characters in their story did certain things, how the character may have felt, and what they could have done differently. Also talk about using expression in your voice and how it makes the story exciting for the listener. When your child is reading non-fiction text please talk to them about the way non-fiction text is set out, asking how this can help them find information. Encourage them to use the index, contents page and glossary.
- Children will continue to receive spellings on a Friday and will need to learn them for a spelling quiz the following week.
- Our whole school value for the half term is '**Justice**' and we will be focusing on this through whole school worship times and in class on a daily basis.

Please could you send in kitchen towel tubes and margarine cartons (washed) for D.T. As always feel free to come to drop in which is **every other** Wednesday at 3pm, or catch me any time after school if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the term. I will continue to teach Puffins on Monday-Thursday and Mrs Parkin will continue to teach them on a Friday. We are always happy to discuss matters that are important to both you and your child.

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown and Mrs Parkin.