



Welcome to Year 1!

We are looking forward to starting the half term and working with you to support your child's learning and development. Please speak to a member of the Year 1 team if you would like further information or if you have any questions about your child's learning.

Best wishes,

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Theme Overview

“Land Ahoy!” is a thematic unit, with a subject focus on science and geography. The science element is based around sound, speed and motion and begins by exploring how things move, linking with a pirate's journey around the continents and ocean. The unit concludes with an introduction to sound, focusing on sources of sound and the relationship between distance and volume. Threaded through is the theme of acting responsibly, with consideration for others.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths scheme and our first unit will develop our understanding of numbers and place value.

Literacy

We will read the following stories this half term: We will continue to develop our reading skills with daily letters and sounds sessions. We will develop our writing skills by writing labels, lists and captions. We will also begin to concentrate on forming letters correctly in handwriting sessions.

Art

We are planning to draw and paint sea pictures as part of our topic.

Dance

We will learn themed movements for a pirate game and consider how to sequence them to create a simple dance. We will also practically and creatively exploring the forces of push and pull, as part of a pirate story.



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Drama

We will improvise different lines for parts of a song, leading to the improvisation of matching actions. We will then begin to take on the voice of a different character. Finally, we will sing the opening song in role as each of the different pirate characters.

Music

We will learn the 'Shiver me Timbers' pirate song. We will then think of sounds associated with pirates and the sea to add to the song.

Design Technology

We will design a remote control to help a busy pirate!

PSHE

This half term we will focus on the following: taking turn, rules and expectations, class charters, taking responsibility and sharing.

ICT / Computing

Write an algorithm to make yummy chocolate pirate coins!

Important dates:

- Friday 13th September – Pirate party day! Please come to school dressed in your pirate outfits.
- Thursday 3rd October – World Poetry Day
- Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th October – Parents' evenings
- Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – REACH week (more information to follow soon)
- Thursday 24th October – PTA Halloween Disco