



Bramley Sunnyside Infant School



**Year 2 Newsletter Spring 1**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is time once again to share our next half term’s learning with you. We have decided to board the pirate ship and to call our topic ‘**Ahoy There Me Hearties**’.

Our literacy focus will have a pirate theme and we will write about life as a pirate and how to be a good pirate, following the Pirate Code. We will write messages to a marooned pirate on a deserted island, using different sentence types. We will also create and perform pirate poems and play scripts, using pirate phrases. Following our visit to The Deep, we will produce information texts about under water creatures and create shark fact files.

As part of our Enterprise work, the children will organise and invite you to their **Pirate Performance on 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm** where they will dress as pirates and entertain you with songs, dances and poetry and teach you some pirate SPaG. Watch this space for further information.

Our role play will be an aquarium which will support our learning in Science and Maths. We have various small world scenarios where children can pretend to be under the sea, exploring underwater creatures and habitats. They can also imagine life as a pirate and find treasure beneath the sand.

Our science work will involve learning about how habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We will investigate this in the habitat workshop during our visit to **The Deep** on **Thursday 19th January**. You have received specific details about this on a separate letter and payment is due this half term, prior to the visit.

In History and Geography, we will learn about where pirates sailed and the lives of famous pirates including Blackbeard. In Art we will paint, pastel and sketch sea creatures and pirates. In music we will sing sea themed songs and sea shanties. We will also have a music specialist working with us each week. The children will be experimenting with and creating sounds, to perform their own music.

In PE we will be doing Gymnastics, which will include travelling in different ways and creating sequences of balances and rolls. Our dance specialist, Miss Wall will also be joining us to work with the children to create and perform topic related dances.

In R.E we will focus on leaders and teachers and stories Jesus told and later in the half term we will celebrate Chinese New Year with mask making and Chinese food.

Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to partnering your child’s learning with you over this half term. If we don’t see you before, we hope to see you at the Pirate Performance on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. Goulding

Mrs. Rushton

Mrs. Hanby

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Having read our topic letter, if you know of anyone within your family, circle of work colleagues or local community who you think would be able to enhance our learning in this topic, please let us know so that we can contact them.

You can do this by completing the slip below and handing it into school or by e-mailing us at [bramley-sunnyside.infant@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:bramley-sunnyside.infant@rotherham.gov.uk)

Name of contact (person or company).....

Contact details .....

How they may be able to support.....