

St Agnes CE Primary School

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1 2017

Our Year Two team

Mrs Haggart- 2T class teacher

Miss Oxley- 2C class teacher

Miss Lea- class teacher

Mrs Hassan- Teaching Assistant




Our Learning This Term

KSI

Teacher: Sarah Oxley, Marie Haggart

Class: Year 2

<p>English <u>Main Texts:</u> The Night Pirates Grace Darling- non- fiction</p> <p><u>Writing genres:</u> Narrative- writing own stories about pirates who visit in the night. Information books- about significant famous pirates and explorers. Descriptions- creating wanted posters to describe characters, describing ocean settings. Poetry- pirate haikus. Postcards- writing in role as stranded explorers.</p> <p><u>Grammar skills taught through topic including sentence types and punctuation as well as word classes. The use of suffixes, prefixes and hyphens.</u> Apostrophe for contraction and possession.</p>	<p>PE Invasion games</p>	<p>Music Sea shanties</p>	<p>Maths <u>Number and Place Value:</u> Tens and units, partitioning numbers in different ways. <u>Calculation:</u> addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. <u>Money and measure-</u> counting money and finding change, measuring and estimating weight and length. <u>Position and direction-</u> using positional language and co-ordinates to find hidden treasure.</p>
	<p>Phonics Phase 6 No-nonsense Spellings.</p>	<p><u>Other (RRSA, Safety etc)</u> Outright: Speak out on children's rights</p>	
	<p>Term: Spring 1 Connected curriculum aspect: Land Ahoy!</p> 		
	<p><u>Art and Design/Design and Technology</u> Observational drawing Printing Mechanisms</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> Programming: Using presentation software</p>	
<p>RE How should we care for others and the world?</p>	<p><u>Geography/History</u> Using and making maps; Location knowledge; Using and giving directions Significant historical people - Captain James Cook, Grace Darling; Famous pirates</p>		<p>BV Democracy- life on a pirate ship</p>
<p>PSHE Caring for others</p>	<p><u>Science</u> <u>Why do boats float? Materials and their properties.</u></p>		<p>SMSC New Year Arts week</p>

Don't Forget...

All children need a PE kit for lessons which take place every Wednesday. This, as well as all items of uniform and coats, should be marked with your child's name.

Keep in touch...

We will be updating our class page on the website weekly to show you what we have been doing in class. Please visit and leave us a comment!

Homework

Spelling homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned for a spelling test the following Friday.

Words should be copied out on the sheet using Look, Say, Cover Write and Check. Children should practise their words every day so that they know how to spell them. Super Spellers, who get 10 out of 10 in their test, will have their name put on our website!

It is very important to read home reading books **every night**. You don't need to read it for long but try to do it every day. You can support your child by asking questions about what the story is about or looking for the meaning of words they don't understand. After reading please sign your child's reading record and write the page numbers covered. Books will be changed when the reading record has been signed by an adult to show us that the book has been read.

Thank you to the parents who have been practising for the SATs with your children, they are making good progress with their learning.

New KIRFs



Our whole school will be given KIRFs to learn from January, with each class having a different focus for each half term. Our first set of facts are pairs of numbers to make 20 e.g. $13 + 7 = 20$.

KIRFs are Key Instant Recall Facts, or number facts which children need to memorise to help with their fluency in mathematics.

There are some ideas for practising these with your children, we expect all children to practice at least 3 times a week. These only need to be short 5 minute sessions and can be done in the car, while walking to school etc We hope you have fun supporting your child's learning, if you have any questions please ask.