



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome back after the holidays... we hope that you have all had a lovely holiday and that your child is refreshed and ready for the new school year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week and we are all looking forward to teaching them, this coming year.



# What are we learning this half term?

# English

This half term the children will be using the story of Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs as the base for the English. They will be writing their own stories based on the first-hand account of the boy in the story, Flinn. The amount of writing expected of the children will increase, just like in Year 1 and the children will have plenty of time to develop their ideas before writing them over the course of the half term.

Once we have completed our own stories, we will be learning about the life of Captain James Cook. It will be a pirate themed half term!

The children will also learn to join their handwriting over the course of the year and

learn new spelling and grammar rules.

### Maths

The children will be learning about numbers to 100 first of all and how many tens and ones make up these numbers as well as adding and taking away. The children will have plenty of opportunities to use resources in class to support them with this learning.

## Science

The first two weeks will see the children refreshing their knowledge of seasonal change and what happens during the four different seasons. We will also talk about why the days are longer/shorter during different times of the year.

After that, the children will look at and classify different materials and how some materials are better than others for making or building certain things. They will also look at how materials can be changed for a purpose.

#### R.E.

The children will be answering the key question of 'What did Jesus Teach?' and whether it is always easy to be kind. We will be using the parables of The Good Samaritan and Jesus Healing the Paralysed Man. The children will also be encouraged to reflect on their own lives thinking about how kind they are and whether this can be difficult sometimes.

# History/Geography

The children will be looking at Christopher Columbus in History and his life. In Geography the children will be learning about directions and how to make maps.

Important Reminders - Please make sure that your child has their P.E. kit for a Tuesday and a Friday. Home learning will be sent out each week, please support your child with this!

Let's hope that it is a fantastic year and that the children continue to flourish and grow, which we are sure they will.

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