



How to Help at Home



We appreciate any additional support you can give to your child at home. It is invaluable to their progress and development. The following suggestions may be useful;

- Listen to your child read regularly (daily when possible) and sign their reading diary. Please ensure that reading books and diaries are brought into school everyday. Reading books will be changed as and when needed.
- Every Friday, children will be taught a new spelling rule and given new spellings to learn for a quiz on the following Thursday. It helps if children practise these regularly throughout the week. Please ensure that these spelling books are returned on a Friday so new spellings can be added.

Special Requests

- Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is brought into school at the beginning of the term, including suitable footwear.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school and this can be refilled throughout the course of the day.
- Could all items of clothing please be labelled, this includes PE kits.
- Forest School will take place every Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has wellingtons and old clothes in school.



Dates for the Diary



May	Tuesday 7th May	Homework progress check
	Friday 10th May	Non-uniform Day
	Monday 13th May	KS1 SATs week
	Monday 20th May	Homework progress check
	Friday 24th May	Gateshead Go Run For Fun
Half Term - Monday 27th May -Friday 31st May		
June	Monday 3rd June	Staff Professional Development Day school closed.
	Monday 10th June	Year 2 Visit to Hartlepool Marina
	Monday 24th June	Reception and KS1 Sports Day (PM)
July	Friday 12th July	Summer Fayre
	Thursday 18th July	Last day of term



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bainbridge or Miss Cassidy.

Curriculum Overview



Year 2



Summer Term



Welcome



Welcome back everyone! We're looking forward to another great term. This Curriculum Overview will provide you with key information about our curriculum this term as well some upcoming events.



English Overview



Creative Writing

Children will continue to develop their writing skills through a variety of genres, including writing about real events, playscripts, advertisements and non-chronological reports. They will also be encouraged to check their writing and make any corrections to spelling, grammar and punctuation. Handwriting will be practised each afternoon to ensure that letters are the correct size and in proportion. Children will also develop their joined handwriting.

SPaG

Our focus this term is to continue to use basic punctuation accurately and independently such as capital letters, full stops and question marks. We will also learn how to use apostrophes for possession and use commas in lists. Children will also learn how to write in the past and present tense accurately. In our weekly spelling lessons, children will be taught a new spelling rule which will be applied to their creative writing.

Reading

Children will continue to read a variety of genres in class. Our main focus this term will be to develop comprehension skills to ensure that children have a good understanding of what they are reading. Children will also be encouraged to participate in discussions about books they have read, making links with other familiar books or stories.



Maths Overview



In our lessons, we will continue to follow a mastery approach; this involves children developing their mathematical fluency, using practical resources to support them, as well as developing their reasoning and problem solving skills.

Number - We will practise our 2, 5 and 10 tables regularly through games and using Times Tables RockStars. We will use all four operations to solve a variety of problems.

Position/direction - Children will be learning the vocabulary associated with movement, including the size of turns and in which direction.

Measures - We will be learning to measure, length, mass and capacity. This will require the children to use a range of equipment and read a range of scales accurately. We will also continue to learn how to tell the time from an analogue clock in 5 minute intervals.



Science Overview



This term, children will develop their scientific skills through a variety of investigations. Our main focus will be studying plants. We will revise what the main parts of a plant are called and the functions of each part. Children will learn how to use simple equipment and develop their observation skills when finding out about the best conditions for plant growth.



Our Curriculum



RE: We will continue to learn about Judaism. This term, children will learn about the Jewish Festival of Passover as well as special days for Jewish people.

History/Geography: Children will develop their history skills through the context of pirates. They will use sources to answer simple questions about the most famous pirates from the past. Our visit to the National Museum Royal Navy Hartlepool will help us to identify differences between ways of life at different times, including how ships have changed over time. In Geography, children will carry out fieldwork to develop their knowledge and understanding of the school and local area. They will also name, locate and identify the characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK.

Art / Music / DT: In Art, children we will be exploring 3D form. We will learn how to manipulate clay for a variety of purposes including making pots and simple models. Children will also experiment with joining recycled materials. In music, children will be introduced to famous pieces to stimulate composition. They will interpret a storyboard with sound effects, and develop their own ideas using voices and percussion. In our DT lessons, children will explore books with moving parts. They will then design and make a book using different mechanisms. Finally, they will evaluate their work.

Computing: We will be getting musical in our computing lessons! Children will learn how to use a programme called 2Sequence to explore harmony and build up musical scores. They will learn how to record their own sound and upload it. After half-term children will learn how to collect, organise and present data and information in digital content.

P.E: During PE lessons, children will be introduced to a range of athletics activities including running, jumping and throwing. We will also be developing our throwing and catching skills through a variety of games and children will learn tactics such as defending.



Creative Homework



Our Creative Homework gives children greater ownership over their learning at home and encourages creativity and independence. We actively encourage parents/carers to support their child with these homework tasks and we look forward to sharing and celebrating the work returned to school. We expect that children will earn a minimum of 15 points every half-term. There will continue to be regular progress checks over a half-term.



Out and About



Ahoy there me hearties! As part of our 'Pirate' topic we will travel back in time to Hartlepool's Maritime Experience where we will find out what it was really like on an 18th Century ship! We will explore the quay and take over the play ship in search of treasure and new lands!