

Chawson First School

Summer Topic letter

Year 2

Our topic this half term is:

Pirates and Explorers



English

What? The children will be re-telling a story called 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs' and they will be focusing on using conjunctions and descriptive vocabulary. We will also be focusing on using descriptive vocabulary to describe a pirate scene.

Why?

- To use their imagination to write creatively based on what they have read.
- To vary their sentence structure and vocabulary in their own writing, in order to create interest for the reader.
- After studying pirates and explorers in their topic work, they will gain enough knowledge to describe a pirate setting using descriptive and topic based vocabulary.

WOW! Your child will be telling the 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs' story in our Year 2 performance.

Help at home by- Ask your child to tell you about the Captain Flinn story.

Maths

What? The focus during this topic will be on:

Capacity

- learning about millilitres and litres
- Estimating, ordering and comparing capacity

Addition and Subtraction recap

- recapping strategies for adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers
- recapping exchanging
- recapping strategies using practical and written methods

Help at home by:

- Look at different containers in your household and explore the capacity of each one.
- Estimate how much liquid can fit in each container.
- Which container holds the most/least?

Cross Curricular

What? Learning about Elizabeth I (and comparing her to Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II), Sir Francis Drake and Blackbeard. We will also be comparing pirates to privateers.

Why? We are learning about Pirates and Explorers and significant people from the past. We will look at Sir Francis Drake and his link to Queen Elizabeth I and explore his route around the world. We will learn about Blackbeard, a significant person from a different time, and explore what life was like for pirates in the 1700's.

PE Information:

2C- Tuesday and Thursday

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Hot weather

Please ensure your child has a named sunhat with them each day and that sun cream is applied before school.

Homework:

Reading books are changed every Friday.
Spellings are sent home every Friday.
Don't forget to use Times Table Rock Stars and Hit the Button to practise times tables.

Important Dates:

Monday 29th June- Transfer day
Thursday 2nd July 9.30- 10.30 - Year 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July- Year 2 Production- more details to follow shortly
Friday 17th July- Last day of term

Year Group Timetable

8:40 Handwriting/Dictation
8.55 Reading Practice
9.15 Maths
10.15 Playtime
10.30 Phonics
11.00 English
11.45 Lunch
1.00 Topic (inc. PE, computing, RE and science)
2.00 Playtime
2.10 3.10 Topic
Assembly on Wednesday/Friday at 2.55pm and Tuesday at 10am