

Chawson 1st School

Summer 2 Topic Letter

Year 2

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 imaginations 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:

Talk to your child about the Captain Flinn story- asking them what happens in the beginning, middle and end. What is the problem in the story and how is it solved?



Our topic this half term is:

Pirates and Explorers



MATHS

The focus this term will be on:

- Capacity
- Estimate and measure capacity using litres and millilitres.
- Compare and order different capacities
- Recapping place value
- Representing numbers using tens and ones
- Identifying missing numbers on a number line
- Compare and order numbers
- Recapping addition and subtraction
- Practising previously taught strategies to add and subtract two 2 digit numbers
- Recapping multiplication and division
- Practising previously taught strategies to help solve word problems
- Recapping fractions
- Recapping finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and amounts
- Recapping that $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $\frac{2}{4}$.

Help at home by:

- Compare the capacity of different jugs and containers at home.
- Please continue to help your child learn their times tables at home. Continue to use Hit the Button and www.ttrockstars.com. If you need a reminder of the username and password, please ask your child's teacher.
- Try the following website for more fun maths games: <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1numeracy.html>



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 pirate from a different time, and explore what life was like for pirates in the 1700's.

WOW! We will use our knowledge of pirates and explorers to create an e-book using computer software.

PE Information: please send your child in PE kit suitable for outdoor PE (jogging bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt and plain black/dark trainers)

2C- Tuesday and Friday
2MJ - Monday and Thursday
2T - Monday and Tuesday

Hot weather:

Please ensure your child has a named sunhat with them each day and have applied sun-cream before school. We also encourage your child to bring a water bottle with them each day

Homework:

Times tables and spellings will continue to be sent home weekly.

Reading books will continue to be changed every Monday and Thursday.

Important dates:

Monday 30th June- Transfer morning
Thursday 3rd July, 9.30am-10:30am- Year 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 8th July- Reports to parents
Friday 18th July- last day of term

Very important date!

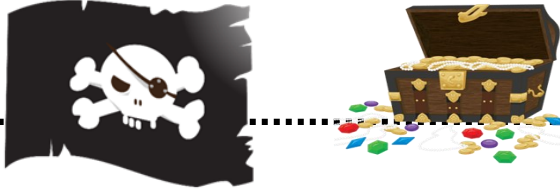
We will be doing our Year 2 Performance on

Tuesday 15th July - 9am / 2pm

More details to follow soon!

Who were pirates?

Pirates were robbers who roamed the seas and stole from other ships. Men became pirates for lots of different reasons - some thought a pirate's life was full of adventure, others thought a pirate's life was easy and lots of men thought they would get lots of treasure.



Queen Elizabeth I

1533 - 1603

Elizabeth I was 25 when she became Queen and reigned from 1558 to 1603. She was Queen for 45 years and lived until she was 69 years old. The time that she was Queen is called the 'Elizabethan' period'. It was also a part of the Tudor period as she was the last of the Tudor family to reign. Queen Elizabeth I gave Sir Francis Drake secret permission to steal from the Spanish colonies on the American Pacific coast.



Sir Francis Drake

1540-1596

Sir Francis Drake was born in 1540 in Devon, England. He was an Elizabethan Sea Captain who became the first Englishman to sail round the world, from 1577 to 1580, on a ship called The Golden Hind. It took him 3 years! His voyage around the world helped map makers to improve their maps. He shared the treasure he stole from Spanish colonies with his crew and with Queen Elizabeth I. The Spanish thought he was a pirate.



Key Vocabulary

- **Pirate**- criminals who attack ships at sea (like Blackbeard).
- **Privateer**- a sea captain who has permission from the monarch to attack and steal from ships of another country.
- **Voyage**- a long journey to a distant place.
- **Golden Age**- a time when England became richer and more powerful.
- **Explorer**- someone who travels to new or unfamiliar places (like Sir Francis Drake).
- **Trade** - to buy, sell or exchange goods between people or countries.
- **Monarch**- a King or Queen.

We will be looking at maps and naming the 5 oceans- Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Southern Ocean. We will also be looking at compass directions and putting them on maps .

