

Welcome back to our first Autumn half term! We hope you have all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the sunshine. We are all ready for an exciting year ahead in Unit 2. Here is an outline of the learning that will be taking place in the first half term.

Learning Experience - Literacy, History and Geography

The children will become historical experts about the history of pirates within our locality, supported by a trip to The Golden Hind in Brixham. A letter will be sent out on Friday They will write their own short stories based on a sea voyage and will design and create their own map to accompany their work. Other areas of work will include learning about the life and times of Sir Francis Drake and developing directional and locational language using map work. We will learn The Night Pirates using the Talk for Writing method so that the children can internalise a narrative before they write their own.



HOME LEARNING TASKS (choose at least one)

Please bring to school by Friday 6th October.

To choose from:

- Make your own pirate ship
- Draw a pirate
- Make a pirate mask
- Fact-file about Sir Francis Drake
- Design your own treasure map

Homework

Your child will soon be given their log-in details for MyMaths and Sumdog (these will be stuck into their orange home-school link books). MyMaths homework will be set on a Monday with a week to complete. Sumdog is an ongoing game-based website where children enjoy building their own character.

Read Write Inc lessons will start on Monday 11th so the children will be given their first RWI book on Friday 15th. You can use the orange home-school link book to record any other home reading that has taken place.

On **Tuesday 19th September** we will be holding a Meet the Teacher event in the hall from 2.45 to 3.15. We will be giving you further information about our year ahead and answer any questions you may have.

PE: Swimming and Handball

Tawny: Monday, Little: Tuesday, Snowy: Wednesday



WELLIES! All children will be using our Woodland Area every week. Children will please need a pair of wellies in school for this. They can bring them in on the day (Snowy Owls on Tuesday, Tawny Owls on Wednesday, Little Owls on Thursday) or stay in school on their peg. Any unwanted/spare wellies will be much appreciated. Thankyou!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning further, please do not hesitate to contact us via the home school link book or pop and see us at the door where a further meeting can be arranged if required.

Mrs Yeo, Mrs Clague, Mrs Braddon and Mrs Collier.