



Curriculum Newsletter

Mrs Duffin Primary 5 Term 3 2023-2024

The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme for this term is **PIRATES**. The children will use ICT along with non-fiction books to research facts about Famous Pirates (male and female), how they spoke, the different types of ships they used during the Piracy Age, life onboard a ship, the food they ate, the songs they sang, modern day pirates and much more!

The children will also explore, through STEM activities, how pirates made drinkable water from salty water, why some objects float and sink and the best waterproof materials. There will be plenty of opportunities to explore the Arts too, from making treasure chests and cutlasses, listening, and responding to sea shanties and creating our own, Jolly Roger Flags and pirate ships made using different recyclable materials.

We will use our Grid Referencing and Coordinating skills when we take part in a 'Treasure Dig' and our weighing skills to measure the treasure we find on our Treasure Hunt.



This term in:

Maths: In Maths Mastery we will be focusing on a range of topics. We are nearly finished our current topic of Decimals. Children have been able to see a clear link here with our previous topic of fractions. We will also cover shape, symmetry and coordinates which connects well with our Pirate theme. Finally, we will be looking at number sequences, identifying a pattern and continuing the sequence.

In Mental Maths, we have begun to revise some topics that we have covered already this year. It is important to keep revisiting these areas to make sure everyone has still retained this knowledge and understanding. Please work on the Mental Maths focus each week with your child, as it will be tested in our Friday Check-Ups.

Literacy: I was delighted with how the children in Primary 5 engaged with AR in Term 2, with many of the children meeting or bettering the 'points target' set for them. I have issued each child with a new 'points target' for Term 3. This target can be found on the inside front cover of your child's literacy homework book. Everyone has already started working towards this. Please be sure to ask your child what their new target is, how their AR quizzes are going and encourage them to read a little each night. We will also be focusing on Instructional Writing (how to write instructions for your favourite game etc), Poetry (writing our own sea shanties and cinquain poems, all about pirates) and Explanation Writing (How to live as a pirate and the life of famous pirates. We will continue reading our class novel 'Matilda' and complete follow up writing and comprehension activities in class. How lucky are we to now also be preparing for Matilda the Musical!!

ICT: The children will work on their word processing skills using Microsoft Word to type poems and insert appropriate images to enhance their work. Children will also develop their Presenting Skills using Powerpoint to present information about Famous Pirates and their adventures.

PE: Our P.E. days will be **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY**. Please ensure your child brings their trainers to school on these days.

Other Dates to Note:

P5 class trip- Friday 31st May to We Are Vertigo

Sports Day- Friday 14th June (weather permitting)

What else is happening this term?

Homework:

- ❖ **Reading** -Reading should be done nightly and can be the Guided Reading Book for the week or the child's AR book.
- ❖ **Mental Maths**- Mental Maths focus and suggested activities will be inside your child's Numeracy homework book each week. This will reflect our mental maths work in class. This homework is to be completed with an adult and to be revised and worked on throughout the week.
- ❖ **Spellings**- Children should learn their spelling lists each week. Spelling activity books are also to be completed to help with this learning.
- ❖ **Literacy**- A literacy activity will be inside your child's literacy homework book each week.
- ❖ **Numeracy**- Numeracy activity will be in the Numeracy homework book each week.

Children will continue to do their Friday Check Up each week. This will consist of a spelling test, dictation of two sentences (which include some words from the spelling list) and there will also be a numeracy check-up related to the Mental Maths focus and learning in class that week. Children will bring home this book each Friday. Please ensure it is signed and returned to school on the Monday.

Blended Learning: A large part of our Blended Learning this term will be Mathematics. Children will continue to be assigned tasks relevant to their learning in school. It is important that all children try to complete these tasks as Mathematics is a valuable tool to test, embed, support and challenge learning.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and submitted the following Friday.

Matilda the Musical- Rehearsals are in full swing for our P5 class scene and you really are in for a treat come June!!