

Year Two Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2018

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As **Scientists** we will begin to learn about materials and their uses. We will work together in teams to predict and test which materials will float or sink. We will use our knowledge to build pirate ships and test them out on a mini voyage!



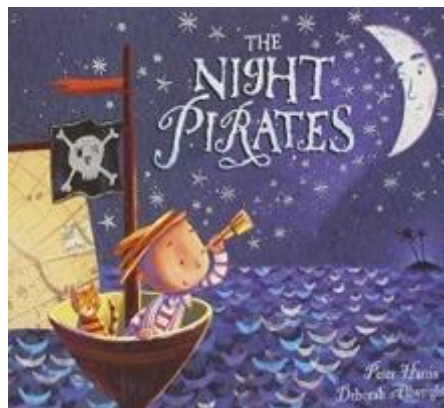
In **RE** we will be thinking about special times and events. We will talk about times that are special in our lives. We will learn about special times and celebrations for Christian and Jewish people.



As **Dancers** we will work together to create a dance called Port Side Pirates. We will perform our dance to an audience.



Our Focus text this half term is *The Night Pirates* and our English and Topic work will be based around this text, the events and characters.



As **Writers** we will be learning to write questions and use capital letters. We will continue to focus on full stops as well. We will also write descriptions using adjectives and conjunctions. We will learn to read and spell some phonics sounds including, dge, kn, gn and wr. We will begin to learn to read and spell the Year 2 common exception words.

In **Maths** we will be learning about place value in 2- and 3-digit numbers. We will show how to make numbers using hundreds, tens and units. We will focus on counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards. We will learn to add and subtract 2-digit numbers using written and mental methods. We will solve problems using our addition and subtraction skills.

As **Geographers** we will be using maps to locate oceans. We will be developing our map making skills to create our own treasure maps using co-ordinates and directional language. We will learn about the four compass directions.

As **Artists** we will use autumn leaves and colours to inspire our art work. We will develop our painting, colour mixing, drawing and cutting skills using autumn leaf shapes. We will also look at art work by Matisse, Andy Goldsworthy and Klimt as part of this project. We will continue to develop our painting and colouring skills through making waves and drawing flags and treasure maps.



Dates for your diary:

Fri 21st September - Harvest Festival (in Church)

Thurs 25th October – Pirate Day