

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2 2015



This half-term our topic is 'Treasure Island' and where possible our work in class will follow this theme.



Science - we will be exploring different areas of science during this topic. We'll look at animals (variation), floating (forces) and properties of materials.

English - we will be sharing books with a pirate theme. The children will be writing character descriptions, diaries, letters, rules, settings and stories. We will be doing lots of drama activities, and dressing up as pirates too!

Geography - charts and maps will be our main focus this half-term. We will be making maps with symbols, and then move onto those that have keys.



Computing - the children will be navigating the Bee-Bots around treasure maps. If we have enough time we will even try making our own large scale maps to give Captain Bee-Bot more of a challenge!

Art and Design - we will be doing some weaving to make sea-life art. The children will also be designing their own shelters and sun shades.

History - the children will be learning about James Cook and what discoveries this famous explorer made.



Homework

Homework will come home each Monday to be completed for the following Monday. This will include spellings, maths and a topic or English based activity to be completed in their homework book.

Reading - please continue listening to your child read and commenting in their diary. It doesn't have to be a banded school book - home books, comics and reading challenges count too!

Maths - the children will be continuing learning numbers facts to make their mental work quicker and easier. We will be working with positional language and co-ordinates too.