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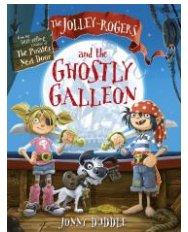
Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the sun over the recent Easter period and had fun together as a family.



Reading regularly is vital to your children's progress. We know that holidays are busy and we all fall out of routines however we encourage you to get back into the habit of listening to your child read at home every day for at least 10 minutes.

This term our whole class reading will be based on our class book; *The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon* by Jonny Duddle. Thank you to all of you who have already sent in a copy for your child.



Our Learning Experiences

We are very excited about the learning experiences which we have planned for this next term.

We are starting the term with a 2 week joint Bishop Luffa Trust experience based around Earth Day. We had fun with Rumboldswyke at Bishop's Palace Gardens experiencing and appreciating the wonderful world around us. Using the book *Dear Earth* as inspiration, we will be writing some appreciations, apologies and stands linked to the natural world around us.



Following this we have an RE week looking at the importance of the Torah in the Jewish faith.



We will then spend a couple of weeks focusing on a variety of genres of writing all based on pirates and linked into our class book. These will be used to help us form our writing assessment judgements for the year. By continuing to practise spelling and sentence writing as provided in the homework, you will be helping to build your child's confidence when writing independently in class.

After half term, the whole school will be taking part in a Science learning experience. The aim of this is to be able to look at the results of our experiments and be able to explain why these things happened. It will culminate in a whole school science fair. Our class will be investigating materials and their properties. After various experiments the children will be deciding, based on their properties, which materials would be best for each part of a pirate ship. Nearer the time look out for a list of items they may need to collect, usually from your recycling, which we can test.

In our final learning experience of the year we will be finding out about the geography of our local coast and writing a leaflet to persuade people to come and visit our area.

Maths

After half term, we will begin a unit on 'Time'. This will involve using an analogue clock to tell the time when it is o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and in 5 minute intervals. Having an analogue clock at home and beginning to point out how the hands move and where they will be at different times will really help to prepare your child for what can be a very confusing and difficult topic in maths.



Assessments

After half term the whole school will be doing end of year assessments. These are the same format as those done before February half term. They will take place as a class or in small groups depending on the test and the amount of support we are allowed to give.

In the reading paper there is quite a lot of text for them to read in a short period of time. Please begin to increase the amount that your child reads each day so that they increase their stamina and ability to read larger amounts of text. Discussing unknown words and asking what is happening and why will also really help with your child's comprehension.

Homework - To allow for a little extra time to complete it, homework is now due in on Wednesdays when it will be marked and returned home with the next piece on a Thursday. This does mean we will only have the opportunity to mark it on one evening so please make sure it is in on time. We do not expect them to be able to do it entirely independently, so please do help to explain what is expected and go through it with them once they have completed it.

PE - Our days continue to be Wednesdays and Fridays. As these sessions are now both in the afternoon, the children no longer need to come to school in their PE kit but will change at lunchtime. Therefore, please can you send their PE kit into school each week instead.

Essentials

Please ensure that each day your child always has a water bottle and their book bag with their reading book and reading record inside.



The weather is very changeable at the moment so a waterproof coat, if it looks like rain in the morning, is still essential as we will go out if it is drizzling.

As the weather improves, a sun hat and applying sun cream



before they come to school will also become essential. Please do name these as hats get lost very easily.

If you have any questions or queries, please email or come and have a chat with one of us at the end of the school day. Our class email: sharks@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

We will check this once daily Monday-Friday between 8am-5pm and try to get back to you as quickly as possible. If you have any last-minute information, please phone or email the office as well, as we may not see your email until after the school day.

Thank you so much for your support,

Chris Rinaldi and Steph Treagust