



Monkton CEP School
Dragonfly Class Newsletter - Term 1
2020-2021
'Every child is special'



Welcome to Term 1, and a special welcome to Year 1 children and their parents to the family of Class 2. This term we will be starting with a focus on The Recovery Curriculum with a well-being and team building week and carrying this on into week 2 where we will also be gaining an understanding of all children's starting point. We will also be launching a new topic 'Land Ahoy'.

English

Linked to Land Ahoy:

Recounts
Descriptions
Poetry
Information Texts
Postcards

Letters and sounds:

We will continue to follow phase 3 of the letters and sounds scheme as well as introducing key spellings patterns to Year 2 such as homophones, polysyllabic words, common exception words and alternative spelling of the same sound.

Numeracy

Number

Place Value and ordering numbers

Number

Addition and subtraction

We will be focusing on ensuring the children are confident with number and recording their work this term. We will also be looking at reasoning (explaining their answers) and developing maths vocabulary.



Science

Focus on materials and their properties through investigations:
Why do boats float?
Can you find my treasure?

ICT

We are Treasure Hunters

Using programmable toys such as beebots and apps such as Daisy the Dinosaur and Beebot. To follow and give directions around pirates maps.

RE

God

Creation -

What do Christians believe God is like?



PE

The children will be working with our sports coaches and Miss Jenks on a dance unit of work this term.

PE Day is a Thursday.

Information of clubs will follow at a later date.

Foundation subjects

Our Creative Curriculum - Land Ahoy!

Yo ho, yo ho, it's a sailor's life for me. Get your sea legs on, it's time to sail the salty seas. Navigate, investigate and explore the world, just like Captain Cook. Make a boat, sink a ship, fly a pirate flag. Speak like a pirate, write like a poet, then weigh and measure a pirate's booty. How do rescues happen at sea? Find out about brave volunteers and young Miss Darling, rowing her boat across stormy seas. Sing a sea shanty whilst cleaning the poop deck, then search the school grounds for Captain Longbeard's hidden treasure. There's land ahead. Let's get this ship to port.

Geography - world seas, navigation and map work

History - timelines, famous sea explorers and Grace Darling

Music - sea shanties

Art - sketching boats and designing pirate flags

DT - making boats and lighthouse

PSHE - HeartSmart.

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning:

Maths

Place Value

Addition

Subtraction

Hundreds

Tens

English

Author

Illustrator

Rhyme/rhythm

Reports

Fiction/Non-fiction

Land Ahoy!

Cargo dock hold keel marina

maritime mast navigate ocean

poop deck port quarter deck

rudder sea shanty shipwreck

smuggler

Special days

9.9.20 - We have a Covid secure visit from the RNLI to talk to children about sea travel and water safety to introduce our topic.

14.9.20- Roald Dahl Day for children - Children are invited to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character, dress in yellow or just bring in their favourite Dahl Book. More information to follow.

18.9.20 - **Talk like a pirate day** - children are invited into school dressed as a pirate and all our activities today will be linked to pirates!

A final note from me

I know the last academic year was a strange one and that many parents and children are feeling apprehensive about this year. Please believe me when I say I will do all I can to make this year a good one. To do all we can to make a happy class and to ensure that children make progress and that we find and help to fill any gaps along the way. Remember you have my email address so keep in contact and let's work together for a great year!