



Seven Stars Primary School

Dorado Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2024

Welcome back Dorado and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed the holidays. Our theme for this term is 'Pirates'. The main focus for this theme is English, Geography and History. We will be learning about piracy in Tudor times including pirate clothes, ships, famous pirates and piracy today. We will also be learning about continents, looking at the features and surrounding oceans which we will link to pirates by looking at where they are found.

This term, upon completing their work, the children will be able to choose a different challenge to complete each day with support. The challenges will focus on handwriting, sentences, phonics and role play, we believe this will really boost their progress.

Teaching in Dorado Class this year will be Miss Grainger on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday and Ms McDonald on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Smith, Miss Gardener and Miss Murphy will be supporting the children in their learning in class. If you have any concerns or questions, please message us on Class Dojo.

Miss Grainger and Ms McDonald.

P.E

Our P.E. lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday. Children should come in PE kits those days. This is: dark leggings/joggers, plain white T-shirt (school polo is fine), plain red or black hoodie/school cardigan or jumper and trainers.

PSHE

The value for this term is Pride. As part of the topic this term we will be focusing on what makes us unique.

HELPING AT HOME

Please listen to your child read regularly at home and write the page number read to in their reading record. Please check that they understand what they have read by asking them questions about the text. Also, please remind them to bring their reading book into school **every Tuesday and Friday to be changed**. Also, the children will be given words related to their phonics lessons to take home and practice on Thursday after a small quiz on the words from the previous week. There is a quiz they can access on purple mash to support them along with your support and practise in class too.

ENGLISH

This term we will be looking at fantasy stories focusing on the text 'Mungo and the Picture Book' which will link to our theme work in Geography and History. We will also explore traditional tales and rhymes and write our own recount of an event. We continue to focus on handwriting so we would really appreciate it if you could help your child at home to ensure each letter is formed correctly.

MATHS

We use the Red Rose Mastery scheme for all children. This term our first unit is number and place value; counting to and back from a number, comparing numbers and identifying numbers on a number line or track. The children will be supported to do so using practical equipment such as base 10. Please support your child at home by incorporating maths in their everyday lives and using positive language when speaking about maths at home.

TOPIC

Using the theme 'Pirates' we will be looking at:

Geography - Continents using a range of sources such as simple maps, globes, atlases and images.

Science - Materials

History - Pirates, looking at The Golden age of piracy, the pirate flag, Blackbeard, pirate ships and pirate food and drink.

ICT - Multimedia and word processing

DT - Mechanisms Theme - Wheels and Axels

Art - Colour splash

PSHE - What makes us unique