



Year 2 Newsletter



Term 5 - Sandy Shores and Perilous Pirates

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Welcome back to Term 5 - We are starting our new topic! We are so fortunate to be so close to so many beautiful beaches and this term we will be learning about life as a pirate! We are starting our term with a trip to Chatham Dockyard! We will be making our own rope, amongst other things.

What we will be learning in English in Term 5:

We will be learning about:

How to write a recount of our trip to Chatham Dockyards.

- We will know to use the past tense
- Write in chronological order
- Use time connectives
- Use 'I' or 'we'

Our Text is the Night Pirates by Peter Harris

We will write a setting description.

- We will know that a setting is where the story happens.
- We will know to use adjectives and adverbs to describe a setting.

We will write the story.

- We will know how to re-tell a story following a text map and using actions.
- We will know how to draw a story map and use it to write a story.
- We will know how to write a story with a clear beginning, middle and an end.
- We will know how to use time connectives such as 'Once upon a time, then and after that' to order our story

In our skills week we will ...

- We will know what the different sentence types are and how to use them (command, statement, question, exclamation.
- We will know how to use 'and', 'or', 'but', 'so' and 'because' in our sentences.

In SPAG lessons we will be revising adding suffixes.

- We will know that we need to swap a 'y' for an 'i' when we add 'es'
- We will know how to add 'ed' 'ing' 'er' 'est' 'ful' 'ment' and 'ly'
- We will know to sometimes use 'ey' instead of 'ee' in some words.

What we will be learning in Maths in Term 5:

We will be learning about:

We will be beginning our term continuing our fractions learning:

- Identify fractions of a number or shape and know that all parts must be equal parts of the whole
- Write simple fractions and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.
- We will know how to write simple fractions.

We will then move onto time:

- Know that the big hand shows the minutes and the short hand shows the hours.
- Know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day.
- Compare and sequence intervals of time.

What we will be learning in other areas this term:

In Science our learning will be living things and their habitats.

In Computing we will learning about information technology (sending emails).

In Geography we will identifying the seas and continents.

In Art we will make clay tiles that are under the sea theme.

In PE we will be working on athletics and sports day practice.

In PSHE we will be working on relationships.

In Music we will use Charanga - Friendship song.

Please Don't forget...

Each child should have a named PE kit, which stays in school - PE starts immediately so please make sure they are all in school.
Water bottles (containing only water) to come in to school daily.
Forest school- children should come in to school wearing suitable forest school clothes (see letter). School shoes should be worn and wellies brought in a named bag to change into for the session. This term it is Botany Bay's forest school session on Friday afternoons - starting Friday 24th April 2026. There won't be a session on Friday 1st May 2026, because of our Trip. The last session will be Friday 22nd May 2026.

Important dates...

Term 5 starts - Monday 20th April 2026

Chatham Dockyard Trip - Friday 1st May 2026

Sports Days - 14th and 15th May - further details regarding your child's/children's classes actual dates/times will follow.

Last Day of Term 5 - Friday 22nd May 2026

Reminders/For Information...

Please name all of your child's clothes including shoes, PE kits etc- we are seeing a large number of jumpers/cardigans with no names in which makes it very difficult to reunite them with their owners. The children are reminded to change their reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday; however, reading books can be changed on a daily basis if that's what the children need to do. Please make sure that Reading Records are available on a daily basis. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2 Teachers