

## ENGLISH

Our English topic this term is: Poetry and story writing.



As our topic is 'Land Ahoy' we will be learning poems about Pirates. We will then be making our own Pirate poems. We will also look at the story 'Is it a Mermaid' by Candy Gourlay. A story set in the Philippines about a Dugong that thinks he's a mermaid.

Through this topic, your child will be learning:

- Capital letters, full stops, finger spaces
- Apostrophe's and commas
- Conjunctions (or, and, but, because)
- Nouns, verbs and adjectives
- Suffixes and Prefixes
- Alliteration and rhyming
- How to plan and write our own poem

Phonics and 'Book Talk' (guided reading) are taught daily.

## MATHS

**Year One** your child will be developing their understanding of:

- Money
- Recalling and facts for counting in increments of 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Solving 1 step problems that involve addition and subtraction to 20
- Understanding weight and measure, length and height.

**Year Two** your child will be developing an understanding of

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- Recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- Solving 1 step problems that involve multiplication and division
- Dividing groups into equal amounts
- Calculate maths problems for division and multiplication using the  $\times$ ,  $\div$  and  $=$  signs.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead in Goldfinches. I hope you find this newsletter helpful in supporting your child in learning at home and at school.

Miss Cox

## Land Ahoy



**PATHFINDERS**  
'FIND A WAY!'

- Innovative
- Decisive
- Creative
- Independent



## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER: YEAR 1 and 2

### Goldfinches

### Spring Term 1: January - February 2022

#### WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Your child will receive Maths and English homework on a Friday, which will be due in for the Thursday.

Spelling are given out on a Wednesday, to be tested the following Wednesday.

Please ensure that reading is completed each night and reading records are brought in every day. Reading books are changed on Friday.

#### ONLINE LEARNING

Your child has access to Seesaw and Bug Club at home. Log on details have been sent home. If you require another copy of this please see your child's teacher. Children can also use the school website which has a variety of links to online activities.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Topic 1: Books. Topic 2: Thanksgiving (Please see RE Newsletter)

### SCIENCE

Through our topic 'Pirates' we will be learning about forces and what makes something float or sink. We will also be looking at how we would survive on a desert Island. We will be learning about basic human needs and what we need to survive.



### Art

This half term, inspired by our topic 'Lands Ahoy' we will be drawing and painting Sea pictures. We will be learning about colour mixing and shading.

### Relationships and Health Education

Please see the separate Relationships and Health Education overview of what the children will be learning this term.

### GEOGRAPHY

This term we will be exploring and learning about Continents and Oceans through our topic theme 'Lands Ahoy'. We will also learn about forces, such as pushing and pulling. Through this topic we will also focus on different types of scientific enquiry and the children will carry out investigations.

### P.E

P.E days this term are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in a labelled P.E kit and plimsolls/black trainers on these days. Children must come wearing their winter uniform.

### Forest School

Please make sure children are in their PE kits and that they bring Wellies with them.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 9:30-11:30

### Paddington Library

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022