

## Year 1 Pirates - Reading

Throughout each week this term all of the children will have lots of opportunities to work on and continue to develop their reading skills.

We will continue to have Reading Skills sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We will also continue to have Read Write Inc sessions where the children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills.

All children will also have regular opportunities to read for pleasure throughout the week.

The grid below shows where your child is at academically at this point in the year. We are aiming for children to achieve expected standard by the end of Year 1.

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Subject	Working towards Year 1 expectations	Working at Year 1 expectations	Exceeding Year 1 expectations
Reading			
Writing			
Maths			

"The only true failure can come if you quit."  
--Rosie Revere



Spellings will continue to be given out weekly to your child and they will be tested on them every Monday morning during their Read Write Inc session.

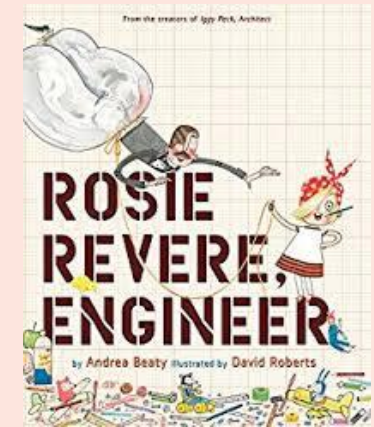
Homework will also still be given out every Friday for your child to complete and return the following week.

However, it will now have more of a Phonics focus, preparing the children for the Phonics Screen that they will do in June this year.

Please continue reading with your child at least 4 times a week. This really helps your child to become more fluent and develop their comprehension skills.

**All your hard work and input is really appreciated.**

## YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER Pirates and Pioneers



Class Teacher

Captain Halden

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Dear Pioneers, Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful half term break. We welcome you and your young pioneers back to Whaplode C of E Primary School.

As mentioned last term for the whole of the Spring term our topic will be Pirates and Pioneers and you can find more information about our curriculum in this newsletter.

Everyone was excited to see and share the children's homework projects and we will look forward to displaying them in the classroom and on our school hall display for everyone to see and enjoy. Thank you for supporting your child with this project.

Our class routines for reading, spellings and homework are outlined in this newsletter, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We hope that your young pioneer is ready to work hard and have fun just as they did last term so that they can keep progressing and achieving to the best of their ability.

Captain Halden

## Pirates and Pioneers

In English, the children will continue to participate in Read Write Inc phonics sessions three times a week, as they did last term. We will also continue with our Reading Skills sessions which will take place during the afternoons. In our cross-curricular work, we will be looking at and discussing the features of a diary and using this knowledge to write our own diary entry. We will also discuss how to edit and improve our own writing. We will also find features of instructions, follow them and then write our own.

In Maths, we will continue working on measures - length and height. We will then be introducing multiplication and division, using arrays and grouping, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and dividing into equal groups and sharing. Towards the end of the term we will then start working on recognising and finding  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of shapes, number and amounts.

In Science, we will be doing lots of working scientifically including asking simple questions, experiencing different types of scientific enquiry, observing closely, using simple equipment and gathering and recording data to help us answer questions.

In History, we will be finding out about significant people from the past - Amelia Earhart. Why she was important and what did she do that was special?

In DT, we will be looking at and discussing growth and fixed mindsets. We will be planning, creating and evaluating different designs and inventions. Whilst in Art, we will be mastering techniques through sketching, painting and collage.

PE lessons will continue to be on a Monday afternoon and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school at all times and that all earrings are removed prior to this and all clothing is labelled with your child's name.

In RE this term, we will continue to look at and learn more about the religion and beliefs of Islam.