

Belton Lane Community Primary School

Spring Term 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

The class termly newsletter is an update of what we will be covering this term. Please see the reverse side for important notices regarding your child's class.

Topic: Shiver me Timbers!

English— We will be looking at the features of instructional and explanation texts to help us write our own. In fiction we will be writing our own pirate stories using stories and films to inspire us.

Maths— We will revisit place value, addition and subtraction. We will also complete work on multiplication and division, shape, directions and measures. To improve our mental arithmetic skills we will complete a daily maths challenge.

Science— We will be identifying and naming everyday materials. We will be exploring their properties and how the materials are used.

RE— We will explore the meaning of 'Belonging to a Jewish Community' and into the second term we will be looking at Easter.

PE— As gymnasts we will be exploring turning, spinning and twisting. In real PE we will be focussing on balancing and ball skills. For dance we will use the sea as our inspiration. Miss Dickson's PE lessons will take place on a Monday and Wednesday and Mrs Lee's class on a Tuesday and Friday.

Art and Design— As artists we will be improving our painting skills. The art work will be based on seascapes. In technology we will be making winding mechanisms.

Geography— We will be developing our geographical skills by finding out about the island of St Lucia. We will use maps to locate the island and learn about island life.

ICT— We will be completing activities about e-safety and we will also be learning about programming.

History— We will be learning about life on board a pirate ship and famous pirates.

Music— As musicians we will be exploring pitch. We will learn how to identify different pitches and how to control pitch.

Homework— KS1 homework is used to support the development of basic skills. Children will receive homework on a Thursday which is due in on the following Tuesday. Spellings for Miss Dickson's class will be sent out on a Wednesday and the children will be tested on the following Wednesday. Mrs Lee's class will get new spellings on a Friday and they will be tested on the following Friday.

Reading— Your child's home/school diary should act as their reading record. It is expected that children read at least three times per week at home to ensure progression and continuity. Children will change their school books weekly and will take home 2 books at a time; one phonics book and one other from the same colour band. The bands will be reviewed regularly and your child will read at least once a week within a guided reading session. Each class will also visit the school library to choose a book to take home.

NOTICES!

Absences should be reported to the school office—01476 400520

Children should be in school for 8.55am.

Label me!



Bring me!
(when it's wet)



Bring me!
(leave me in school for a term)



Bring me!
(everyday!)



Bring me!
(in my PE kit!)



Don't wear me!
(on PE days!)



Bring me!
(everyday!)

