

# Reception Class Newsletter



Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,



The children were welcomed back to a pirate-themed classroom this week. Following the children's interests, we have introduced a pirate theme to our role play area and small world area. Over the final half term, we will be having lots of fun covering the seven areas of the EYFS curriculum through the topic of pirates. In relation to communication and language, we have been discussing what life would have been like for pirates on board a ship. After gathering all of the facts, we will be asking the children to vote for whether or not they would like to join a pirate crew, giving reasons for their answers. Linking to personal, social and emotional development, the children have been using pirate-themed scrolls to write something special about themselves or something special about a friend. With a focus on physical development, we have been working on our balancing skills through a 'walk the plank' game.



In the area of expressive art and design, we are learning a selection of pirate-themed songs and sea shanties. We have picked out the unfamiliar words in these songs, you will find some of these words in our 'Weekly Words'. We have set up opportunities for literacy and mathematics in the provision. For example, we provided the children with a selection of pirate coins, a board and a mirror. The children choose a number, they placed that number of coins on the board before looking in the mirror. The coins doubled! The children had to work out the double of their chosen number. Linking to literacy, we have been playing buried treasure. Here, the children used their phonic knowledge to sort real words from nonsense words, placing the real words into the treasure chest.



**Your challenge this week is to use an atlas, a globe or the internet to locate the seven seas.**

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Bell & Miss Murphy