



Land Ahoy!

This topic focuses on geography and history, looking more closely at maps, oceans, pirates, explorers and treasure!

Through the topic the children will find out about suitable boat making materials and design, learn more about the life of explorer Captain Cook, use maps and locate the different oceans of the world, learn more about the work of the RNLI and the history of light houses and Grace Darling and create flags using printing blocks.

Our Author this term is Jonny Duddle. He has written: *The Pirates Next Door*, *The Pirate Cruncher*, *The Jolly - Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon*, *The Jolly - Rogers and the Monster's Gold*, *The Jolly - Rogers and the Cave of Doom*, *Gigantasoraus* and *The King of Space*. He is also responsible for designing the new book covers for the Harry Potter series.

Reading

Books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. Additional books according to phonics group will be given at some point throughout the week. Please try and read with your child daily as this regular practise is key to their fluency and progress in reading.

Books for home (Some Y2 children may not have all these types of books)

1. The Read Write INC book bag book. This is our new scheme. This matches their learning in their phonics group. It is very important that they practise reading this book.
2. A different reading book from school. These books can be used to practise decoding and improve fluency. However, there may be some words that contain phonics (digraphs) that have not yet been taught. So they may need help at times.
3. A book to share at home. Please read to your child to develop their vocabulary and enjoyment of reading.

Spellings

The weekly spelling list will be stapled into the reading record books. Spellings will be given on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

Homework

A separate letter will come home regarding homework for this topic.

P.E. day: Thursdays and Fridays

Kind Regards



Katie Pendle and the Squirrel Class team