

# Year 1 Newsletter



Mrs York



Miss Kitchin



## Treasure

Hello and welcome to year 1. This half term the children will be experiencing new challenges and becoming familiar with the classroom, teacher and being in year 1. The children's learning will be centred on the connector of **treasure**. Even though the children will not be learning about pirates in particular the learning we do will be centred on them, helping to make the learning enjoyable and fun.



## Ship's Ahoy



This half term your child will be learning about:

- Science: Light and Dark
- Geography: St Lucia and life living on an island.
- DT: Mechanisms
- Music: Exploring sounds
- Estimation, giving sensible estimates of a number of objects and checking by counting.
- How to solve mathematical problems or puzzles and explaining methods orally
- Stories with familiar settings and poems.
- ICT: Programming information into a floor turtle.

The classroom will have a treasure island set up in it, where the children will have the opportunity to experience different light sources in the cave and find the treasure. There are also opportunities for the children to write in a pirate's diary and be able to work out numerical problems the pirates have left for them!

We are planning on having a Pirate Day this half term, where the children will be asked to dress up as a pirate and take part in pirate activities. Further details will follow.



## How to help your child at home.



You can help continue your child's learning at home by:

- Reading with them and asking them once they have read the book to talk about what characters were in the story.
- Make sure your child is sounding out the correct sounds when reading out aloud.
- Help your child to form their letters and numbers correctly.
- Help your child to learn their High frequency words on the cards. For a bronze sticker the children need to read the words, for silver they need to be able to spell the words and for gold the children have to spell the words correctly in sentences.
- The children also have number bond cards, these will help the children in numeracy lessons and encourages quick mental recall.

## Reminders

**Book bags need to be at school every day with your child's Communication Book inside.**

**Our P.E. days will vary each week so please make sure your child has their outdoor and indoor P.E kit in school everyday, no jewellery is allowed in school.**



**Thank you Miss Kitchin and Mrs York**



