



Continuing Learning at Home

The most effective way to support your child's learning is to spend time talking to them, showing an interest and playing their games. If you would like to talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and help continue their learning there are some ideas below.

Literacy

In Literacy this term we will begin by reading, retelling and sequencing some pirate stories. We will be looking at story language and will be thinking of the key features of the stories such as settings and characters. The children will be writing lists, labels and captions for their own pictures. The children will be encouraged to use their sounds and phonic knowledge as well as using some finger spaces between their words when writing. We will end the term by listening to and writing our own poetry.

At home you could:

- Continue reading with your child on a regular basis.
- Practise phonic sounds and letter names.
- Ask your child to help you write a shopping list.
- Label some objects around your house.

Numeracy

This term we will be looking at numbers and the number system. We will be counting forwards and backwards and will use our number recognition to read and solve simple addition and subtraction number sentences. We will be learning to estimate a group of objects and we will begin to learn about tens and units.

At home you could:

- Look for shapes and numbers in the environment.
- Play a guessing game for estimating objects.

- Sing number rhymes.
- Ask "tell me the number before...?" or "after...?"
- Ask your child to help solve problems such as "I have three oranges and two bananas in my fruit bowl – how many pieces of fruit are there altogether?"

Science

Throughout the year we will be looking at seasonal changes. Towards the end of the term we will be learning about autumn and will be looking at the changes in the trees and weather. We will complete our work by carrying out a season walk around the school with a visit to the sensory garden.

At home you could:

- Visit the library and look at a range of non-fiction books about seasons.
- Visit a forest or go for a walk and look for signs of autumn.

Handwriting

We will be learning to correctly form the letters a, i, o, e, b, d, s. We will also be learning to write on the line.

At home you could:

- Make sure your child holds their pencil correctly.
- Practise letters in the air or in sand ensuring they start in the correct place.

Geography

The children will be learning about countries and oceans. We will be looking at places they may have been on holiday and will be looking at where Hook is. The children will learn about maps and will begin to locate places on them.

At home you could:

- Look at where your house is on a map of Hook.
- Find a country you have been to on a globe or in an atlas

DT

In DT we will be exploring boxes, how they are made and we will look at their nets. At the end of the unit the children will design and make their own treasure chest for pirates to transport treasure across an island.

At home you could:

- Collect boxes and take them apart to look at their nets.

Music

In music this term we will be exploring and describing sounds. We will be making sounds and seeing how we can change them.

At home you could:

- Clap in patterns and ask your child to repeat the same pattern.

Computing

In computing this term we will be learning to recognise the letters on the keyboard to type words. We will be using Bee-Bots to follow directions around an island.

At home you could:

- Help your child to type their name on the computer.
- Give your child some directions to follow e.g. take two steps forward, turn left, take one step forward – where are you?
- Continue to use Purple Mash.

P.E.

This term we will be learning to travel in different ways to ensure we keep our balance.

R.E.

We will be learning about water and how it is precious to Christians.

PSHE

We will be thinking about new beginnings and how to work together as a class. The children will also write their own classroom rules in order to ensure everyone stays safe and happy in their new class.

Our topic is...



Pirates