

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for another fun half term.

This half term, the children in Class 1 will be learning about 'Pirates'. We will start off this topic by thinking about where in the world we are, the countries that make up the UK and the seas around the British Isles. We will then move onto famous pirates from the past, life at sea and looking at navigation. Our science work will involve Bernie, our class puppet, learning to become a pirate ensuring that he understands what materials he will need on his boat, how to check treasure to ensure that it is real and how to dress in an appropriate way. We will also organise a '**Pirate Day**' (which will be dressing up if your child would like to) this half term but will send out another letter to you with further details.

PE lessons this half term will take place on a **Friday** (dance) AND on a **Wednesday** (games). Please could you ensure that children have their PE kits in school all week with a pair of trainers and warm clothes such as jogging bottoms and hoodies (if your child has come to school wearing tights, please make sure that there is a spare pair of socks inside their kit bag, thanks). We are also going to carry on having 'Show and Tell' on a **Wednesday** so if your child has anything special to talk to the class about or a special object to show, please add a photo to Tapestry before 1pm on Wednesday afternoon. There is **NO** forest school for Class 1 this term.

The children will enjoy computing, RE and music lessons this half term as well as learning phonics, English and maths. Please continue to listen to your child read as often as you can (at least four times a week) and record this in your child's reading diary. We can really see the improvement in your child's learning and reading thanks to your support at home. Please continue to practise the sounds in your child's phonics folders as often as you are able to.

If you ever have a concern or query regarding your child, please feel free to come to see us for a quick chat before or after school or you are welcome to book an appointment if you'd like more time to talk.

We are very much looking forward to another busy, exciting half term!

With best wishes

Mrs Hayley Pratley

Ms Emilia Munro