



"Working Together, Learning Forever"

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of the work that your child's class will be doing during this term. We have also suggested ways in which you can continue to help your child at home.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Young, Mr. Bowen & Ms. Thompson

Year - 4
Term - Spring
Theme - Ship Ahoy!

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<p>Main areas of study:</p>	<p>This Term our focus will be exploring our topic Ship Ahoy! and finding out everything we can about Swansea Docks and the Marina. In Science and Technology, we will be looking at Forces, learning all about floating, sinking and buoyancy and also about magnetism and friction. We are looking forward to building and propelling our own boats and assessing what a good job we have done. We will be reading a range of stories about ships, focusing on a lovely novel that we have found called Kensuke's Kingdom. We will be using this novel to help us understand the topic, and also build our inference and predicting skills. Our Welsh focus will be discussing events in the past tense, and reading and reviewing Welsh books. In Technology this term we will be focussing on coding and using microbits, and learning how to present our ideas using a range of digital media. As part of our religious studies, the children will be using their ideas about water to understand common features of religion. We will be doing lots of sketching and painting during our</p>
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	<p>Expressive Arts lessons, as well as using junk materials to create our own boats.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing will continue to be a big focus this term and we are giving the children the opportunity to take part in a range of activities. They will be using the large and small apparatus to look at levels in gym and the ways in which they can move safely. During the second half of the term the children will be taking weekly dance sessions, with a focus on sea shanties.</p> <p>During Maths and Numeracy sessions, our focus will be multiplication and division. We will be working hard with the children to help them learn their tables and to guide them toward using these skills in more complex problem solving. We will be testing the children regularly to track their progress.</p>
Ways in which you can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have any literature or items relevant to our topic we would be very grateful if you could send them to school to support the children's learning. • As we are focussing on multiplication and times tables this term, your child will benefit

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help at home:	<p>from extra practise at home. Times Tables Rockstars can also support them here. We will be testing the children on their tables each week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please listen to your child read at home every night. A Reading Diary is provided for you to make comments. • Visit the local library to choose books relevant to topics being studied at school. • PE will be on a Monday. Please send your child to school in their kit on this day.
Ways you can help us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have any expertise in any of the areas above you would like to share with us? • Do you have any artefacts or interesting objects we could use? • Can you donate any equipment which may help us develop areas within our classrooms?

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