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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 2 topic letter

Year 2 have had a busy start to the school year!

On Wednesday, we had our pirate wow day! As well as being fun for all, this day taught some essential food technology skills. In our classes, we looked at food hygiene as well as different ways to cut food (claw, bridge hold). We discussed the difference between our diet and a pirate's diet, including fresh and healthy options.

In Class 7, we made 'hard tack' biscuits (a popular pirate staple), as well as icing our own rich tea biscuit.

In Class 8, we made fruit salad using fresh fruit ingredients (that wouldn't have always been available to pirates during long journeys at sea).

In Class 9, we looked at a balanced plate of food and discussed how to make healthier choices before making our own balanced food plate.

In **English**, we have been reading the text 'Captain Sparklebeard'- we have learnt some of the text using a text map and have made our own actions to help us remember it. We will be moving on to our 'innovation' stage shortly, in which we will be adding our own ideas to change the story.

Our **PE** lessons have involved lots of pirate dancing! We started by discussing some of the moves we might see on a pirate ship (walking the plank, scrubbing the deck)- after planning our moves in groups, we linked some together to make our very own choreographed pirate dance to the song of 'Yo ho ho, let's have some fun!'

In **Maths**, we have been learning all about place value. We have been using dienes (base 10) to secure our knowledge of number facts and working on partitioning.

As part of our **Science** lessons, we have been looking at everyday materials. We have taken a survey of the classroom to find which materials are most commonly used. We will also be taking this learning outside to look and see if we can discover these materials elsewhere in the school grounds.

We have started our work on comparing where we live to a different locality: Kenya. We have studied some of the similarities and differences between that of Kenya and where we live.





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In **PHSE**, we have started the Jigsaw unit of 'Being me in my world', as well as getting to know each other at the start of the school year.

In **RE**, we have been learning about Harvest Festival. We have talked about the seasons and how farmers harvest their crops.

In **computing**, we are looking at the different components that make up a computer and how an input is needed to create an output. Soon we will be using the Chromebooks to test the inputs and outputs of different functions of the computer.

Next steps for your child at home:

Please practise counting in tens at home. Start by counting in tens from ten. Once this has been mastered, try counting on from other numbers, eg 23,33,43 etc. Also practise counting in twos and fives. It is always beneficial to start looking at analogue clocks and pointing out O'Clock, half past, quarter past, quarter two and five minute intervals.

Have a go at writing a weekend diary (this could just be a sentence or two) - try to use adventurous vocabulary. Have a go at adding a conjunction to your sentence (and, but, so, because).

We thank you in advance for your support this year.

Year 2 Team

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