



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January

WELCOME BACK!

Hello and welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! It has been wonderful to see our Reception and Year 1 children settle straight back in to our school routines, ready and enthusiastic about their learning.

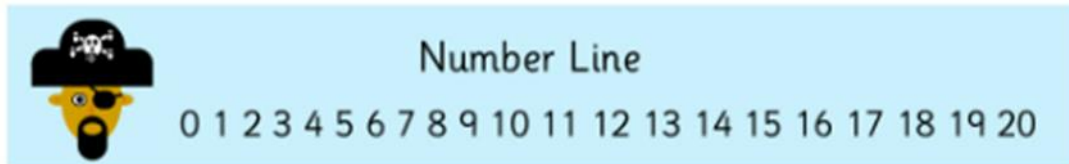
RECEPTION

PIRATES

Our exciting theme this term is... Pirates, Shiver me timbers! The children have already had fun exploring all things pirate both indoors and outdoors. We have been busy making our own pirate maps, adding pirate coins and cooking up pirate puffs in the Mud Kitchen! The text linked to this topic is 'Pirates Love Underpants', we have had great fun retelling the story in our pirate theatre. This term we will be focusing on our 'Understanding of the world' through map reading, simple directional language and understanding geographical features.



MATHS



This term in Maths Reception will look closely at adding using marks, numbers 0-20 and look closely at composition of number to 10. We will also focus on positional language linked to our understanding of maps.

LITERACY

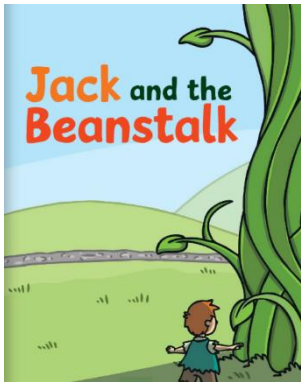


Literacy this term is linked to the story 'Pirates love underpants' the Reception children will read and write simple lists of what they would take to a treasure island, create a message in a bottle and even write simple sentences for a pirate wanted poster!

YEAR 1



LITERACY



During our literacy sessions this half term, the children will be looking at traditional tales using the book 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as the stimulus to write our own traditional tale. We will be learning about key story language and how we can use a variety of sentence starters to make our writing exciting. As well as, using our knowledge of adjectives, verbs and expanded noun phrases to produce some fantastic descriptive sentences.

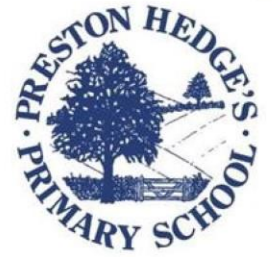
Our non-fiction focus, later in the half term, will be instruction writing. We will be learning about time language and adverbs to help us with writing our own set of instructions about how to make a jam sandwich.



MATHS

The children have been super busy in our maths lessons already this half term, we have been completing missing number sequences, counting forwards, backwards and in multiples, we have been learning how to write the numbers 1-20 as words, revisited our work on 1 more and 1 less using numbers up to and beyond 100 and compared numbers using mathematical language and symbols ($<$ $=$ $>$).

Next, the children will be learning to use practical resources and their jottings to solve multiplication and division problems. We will also be introducing fractions by first looking at fractions of shapes. You can support your child at home by practising writing their numbers to 100 and beyond and counting forwards and backwards to 100, as well as, counting in 2's, 10's and 5's.



CURRICULUM



A new year and a new topic. Our topic for this half term is called 'This Sceptred Isle', this is a geography topic that focuses on The United Kingdom. The children will be learning about the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities, using maps and atlases to locate key cities and rivers, as well as looking at some of the key physical and human features of the UK.



We are planning we are planning to have a celebration day on **Tuesday 13th February**. During the day, the children will take part in several different dance workshops each focusing on a different style of dance linked to our 4 UK countries. Additionally, we are planning to do some food tasting of traditional foods from the 4 UK countries.

Our science unit this half term is all about materials, we have already begun to learn the names of a variety of materials and have sorted several objects according to their material. Over the rest of the half term, we will be conducting lots of different experiments to test the properties of different materials and their suitability for a task.



In RE, we are focusing on the Christian holy book (the bible) looking at a number of different stories and discussing why these stories are important to Christians.

DATES AND REMINDERS

Friday readers – **2.45pm**

Reception Pirate Celebration Day – **Friday 9th February**

Y1 Celebration Day – **Tuesday 13th February**

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mrs Chapman