



# Year 1

## Weekly News



Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Look what we've been doing!

Ooh arr me hearties! The children have been thoroughly enjoying our new pirate topic. They discovered a treasure chest and were very excited to share what they already knew about pirates. We were surprised at their knowledge! The children went on to tell us what else they would like to learn about pirates.



At the start of the week we discussed what a pirate actually is. They learnt about what pirates did in the past and how there are also modern day pirates.

In English and History we looked at a selection of non-fiction texts. We discussed and used the contents pages. After that the children learnt about index and glossary pages and how they are organised alphabetically. The children labelled a pirate and also wrote facts. They were very excited to read about pirate treasure and enjoyed describing the treasure in our class treasure chests.

The children looked at a compass and the directions of North, South, East and West in Geography. They also used the directions of forwards and backwards, left and right to program "Bee-Bot", a floor robot. They learnt that when you give a set of instructions to a

computer, this is called an algorithm. They then went outside and gave each other instructions to travel to a treasure chest. They went on to record their algorithms on the iPads.

In PSHE the children learnt about the importance of personal hygiene and how this helps them to stay clean and healthy.

The children went on a material hunt in Science. They completed a table listing the different materials and objects that they had found both inside and outside.

In DT they explored the features of pirate ships in preparation for designing their own ship next week.

### Home learning

We would like the children to learn 'ea' spellings, which they will bring home Friday.

In PSHE this week the children have been discussing things that are special to them and how these things can be seen as their "treasure." We would like the children to take a photo or draw a picture of their special object or person.

### Reminders and messages

Please could you send in any big boxes that you may have, as we are making a giant pirate ship next week in DT

Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Weller & Mrs Espinosa-Davis**