

Hi there Year 2!

How are you all? We hope you're all well and relaxed after your half term holiday. Once again the weather has been very kind and given us some glorious days. Let's just hope it continues. We can't actually believe that we have reached the last half term of the school year? How did that happen so fast?! Time really does fly by doesn't it? Well, we have planned some lovely activities for you guys this half term and we hope to 'virtually' see you all too at some point during the weeks ahead....we'll keep you posted!

With it being the half term holiday, we haven't heard from many of you this week, but one of you did send us a video of themselves via email. This person was Fabian. He had been set a challenge by Mrs Scott-Simons to create a dinosaur quiz to test her knowledge. Well, she called upon Mrs Wilson for help, as Fabian is rather an expert in this area and he certainly

didn't make it easy!! 3 out of 5 questions have been answered so far. 🤔 Perhaps you might like to write quiz questions for family and friends to try and answer. Max has been doing something similar with his Nanny – they researched rainforest facts, then swapped for each other to read: brilliant! He also made the most spectacular rainforest!! We also loved Grace's rainforest writing about Dylan too. 😊

Well done to Gretchen for the perseverance she showed whilst making an amazing animal mobile. It took her 2 hours non-stop to make! And jolly well done to Natalia who has learnt how

to sew blanket stitch and made the prettiest little bag ever! 😍 Miles has learnt to tie his shoe laces (YAY!) and will now collect a Beavers badge and Lottie must have been inspired by last week's letter as she has created a fabulous life-sized portrait of herself! This is just a teeny handful of the awesome things you all do Year 2; you truly are a brilliant bunch and you never cease to amaze us with what you achieve.

Now, as you might be aware, schools will be reopening for just a few year groups from the 1st of June. Your year group is (at the moment) not able to return to school just yet, but like we said at the beginning of the letter, we have some fab activities planned; so we promise you, you will not be forgotten and we will continue as we have been doing.

So for now, 'adiós' (Eduarda will know this one!), 'Auf Wiedersehen' (Lucia will know this one!); 'Au Revoir', 'Khuda hafiz', 'goodbye'!!

From,

Mrs Scott-Simons, Mrs Wilson, Miss Wright and the rest of the year 2 crew! xx



Pirates!!



Ahoy there me mateys! Shiver me timbers and yo ho ho, it's a pirates life for us. You will need to work on your pirate-talk and get ready for some pirate action!!

Firstly, let's get this pirate-party started with the PowerPoint 'All About Pirates' (please see attachment).

English: 1) Descriptive Writing

Choose at least one of the 6 characters (see attachment **Pirate Descriptions**) and have a go at writing a descriptive paragraph. If you don't feel confident writing lots, then just try and write an interesting sentence. Remember to use CAPITAL LETTERS at the start of a sentence and for names and a full stop or ! or ? at the end of your sentence - whichever works best! Think about what you're writing and about your own personal writing targets. There are word banks to help you.



English: 2) Descriptive Writing

Work out your own pirate name from the PowerPoint and write a description about your own pirate self...be as imaginative as you like!



Below, you will see our pirate names, can you guess who we are?
(Mrs Castell, Miss Wright, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Scott-Simons)

SCALLYWAG LUBBER, PEGLEG McBOATFACE, MATEY SPARROW,
SCALLEYWAG SPARROW

Reading: Pesky Pirates comprehension (Please see attachment).

Choose which reading comprehension you want to do and find out lots of information about those 'Pesky Pirates'. Remember that the comprehensions are starred *, ** and *** and you can choose which one you feel is best for you to read. Think about what the question is that is being asked and which reading dog you'll be using to find the answer... could it be: Vocabulary Victor, Rex Retriever, Sequencing Suki, Inference Iggy or Predicting Pip.



Maths: Recapping addition and subtraction using White Rose (online)

We would like you to recap some of your addition and subtraction work. Visit the website once again (see the link below) and like before, each lesson has a short video that you can watch. **YOU WILL NOW FIND THE MATHS SHEETS IN THE ATTACHMENT.** Don't forget to date and number your work! There are 5 lessons each week, so you can do 1 lesson a day!

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2/>

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Science Investigation: Fizzy Pirate Coins (Please see attachment).



Part of being a successful pirate, is finding (or stealing!!) treasures and having lots of shiny coins! You appear to have some dirty coins that **must** be cleaned before your pirate captain sees them, or it will be 'walking-the-plank' for you! So follow the instructions and put your pirate science heads on and GET CLEANING!!!

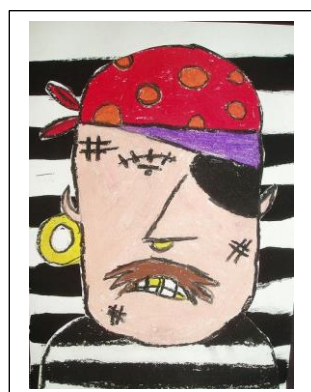
Label the Pirate: (Please see attachment).

Look at the delightful pirate! What name would you give him? Can you correctly label all the Pirate parts and remember to write the words NEATLY on the line!



Art: A Pirate Self-Portrait

Hopefully by now, you have worked out your pirate name (or even made a suitable one up!) Well now *me 'earties*, we need to see your pirate portrait. What will you look like as a pirate? Using paint, pastels, crayons etc. create your pirate masterpiece for our Pirate Gallery!



PE: Virtual Mini Games

We're moving away from pirates for just a minute!

Your grownups should have received an email from us about Chelmsford School Sport Partnership's [Virtual Mini Games](#). This is because during the first week back after half term we would have taken all of you to an Olympic style Mini games festival.

SO, even though we can't take you out to compete, we can still compete as a school with you all doing the events at home!! How cool is that?! As you compete your grownups can record your scores, send them to us and we'll then send them over to the sports Partnership...there will be 'Virtual winners' this year!

PLEASE ask your grownups to open the Mini Games email and all the information they need is there. We are looking forward to seeing your results. Good luck!

We would have paraded around waving our flags at the festival, so why don't you draw out and make a flag of your own choice of a country you would like to represent too and wave it around before you complete the challenges.

GO WRITTLE GO!!!

Some extras if you fancy!!

There are loads of brilliant pirate activities on [ESPRESSO](#). Type in Pirates in the search engine, then click KS1 options; all you have to do then is choose which one to start with! We have suggested a few below that work for this week, if that helps:

Pirates

Ahoy matey! Investigate and learn about the Golden Age of Pirates and pirates in literature and culture with these cross-curricular resources.

Pirates glossary

Printable resource

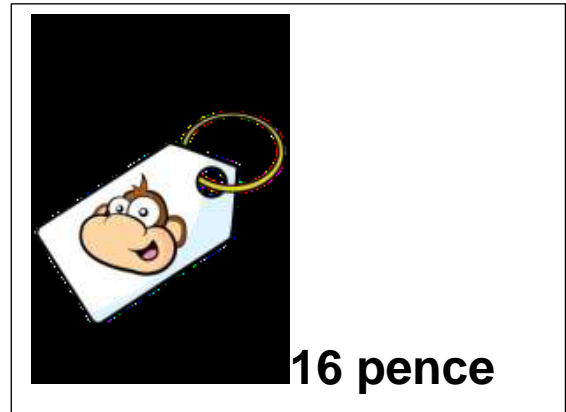
Who am I?

Play a game of 'guess who?' with our pirate characters.

Fancy a maths word problem?

A bag contains 100 counters.
Susie takes out 26 counters.
Mark takes out 39 counters.
How many counters are left in the bag?

Mo buys a key ring.
His mum gives him a quarter of the
money. How much money does he have
to pay himself?



In this diagram shapes represent numbers.
The sum of each row is shown at the side.
Find the value of each shape.

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Have fun!