

Next week, our whole school ethos theme will be:

We are physically active.

#### Dear parents and carers,

# Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2024.

We really enjoyed our new Connected Curriculum topic on Land Ahoy. It was fabulous to see the children dressed as pirates. We generated our own pirate name. They learnt some pirate sayings and sang some Sea Shanties and participated in some pirate themed games. The children baked some treasure cookies that they hopefully shared with you. Walking the plank was a firm favourite.

#### Homework - has been set on seesaw this week.

The children are asked to imagine that they are stranded on a deserted island, what message would they like to send home?

**Rhino Challenges** 

Please complete the test corrections each week, they have a green square to write the correct number in, do not rub the original answer out.

TTRockstars.

# **Changes to Phonics/spelling tests**

At this stage I feel most children will benefit from learning and reinforcing the same phonics sound for two weeks so it can be thoroughly consolidated. The children will complete a variety of activities, both written and practical, in order for them to do this. Children are good at learning spellings for the test but, when we completed a recent writing task, it was clear the children can find it hard to apply the spelling patterns and phonics covered to their writing. On Monday they will be given different words to learn with the pattern and some exception words. It will be clear in the spelling books each Monday.

In English we looked at grammar with a focus on exciting adjectives and remembering to use capital letters. The children have been writing about 'Hopes and Dreams' for Remove this school year.

In Maths the focus has been on Addition and subtraction. We looked at writing the next multiple of 10 after a given number and subtracting across 10. We continue to work on times tables looking at TTRockstars. We have been looking at the 9x table this week as some children are very ready for this on TTRockstars.

### Uniform

Please ensure children come to school with a hat every day. This can be a black fleece hat or a cap/hat.

Kind Regards,

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