

Cygnets NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you had a fantastic break and are raring to go! We are merging the year 2 topic Land Ahoy with the year 3 topic Heroes and Villians this term. We have started by looking at the historic role of Pirates through the story The Pirate Cruncher and will be looking at real life heroes such as Grace Darling and Martin Luther King.

P.E. kits

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school from Monday to Friday. While our PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, there may be occasions when children will need them not on PE days. The children may go outside for PE sessions, please ensure they have appropriate kit and house team coloured T-shirt.

Homework:

Weekly spellings and a maths activity will be handed out every Monday. These should be returned on **Friday**. Please support your child to **practice their spellings each day** during the week. We will also be learning the spellings in class.

In addition, rapid re-call of times table facts will make a **HUGE** difference in your child's maths learning! - Year 2's will be working on x2,x5 & x10 and year 3's will be continuing to work on the 3x, 4x, and 8x times tables and inverse operations.

Snacks and water

If your child would like a snack at break time, please provide a healthy option. Drink bottles are kept in our classroom now and available throughout the day. Please label your child's drink bottle to save confusion and ensure it contains water not juice as this is the healthiest option and spillages are easily cleaned.

ENGAGE EXPERIENCES

Year 3's had a super Hero and Villians day on 4th March. Year 2's are looking forward to their trip to Bristol Aquarium and The Matthew on the 17th March.

Reading Books

Please encourage your child to read as often as possible.

When your child has been read with, please write in their reading record. This needs to be brought into school every day.

We are launching our new 'Reading Passports'. Children will gain certificates based on their reading at home to celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 6th March - World book day!**

Termly homework:

Create a 'Spikey' hero. Take one (or all) of the Spikey traits and bring them to life.

- Respect for all, take responsibility, focus, cooperate, share great ideas, give it a go, think things through.
- What is their name?
- Design a costume.
- What is their superpower?
- Where does it come from? - gadgets/ costume or mutant?
- How do they use it?

This could be designed on paper or 3D.

Home work activities should be handed in by Monday 23rd March.

English

We have kicked off our learning by meeting the diabolical Captain Purplebeard. We have created a character profile and are working on a biography of him. Throughout this term we will be working on, poetry, riddles, fairy tales, dialogue and comic strips.

Reading

We will be reading *The Pirate Cruncher* by Jonny Duddle and completing activities to build our reading skills of: **defining vocabulary, relating the text, comparing the text and exploring meaning.**

Maths

We are consolidating our understanding of all four operations and will be covering fractions, measure and data and statistics. We will continue to practice our times tables too.

MUSIC

Singing and performance, comparing music, listening and appreciating, notation, rhythm and compositions.



Science

We will be working scientifically to investigate why objects float or sink and will be looking at properties of materials and investigating circuits, light and shadows.

Computing

We will be completing coding sessions based on using inputs. We will also be debugging algorithms.

PE

Tuesday - Gymnastics, shape
Wednesday - team ball games

DT

Making masks.

Art & Design

We will be exploring sculptures, detailed sketching and painting.

RE

We will be exploring - What is Lent and why is it celebrated