



Parkfield Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Term: Spring 1  
(Online Learning)

Year group: 2

#### Helpful information for this half term

- Online classroom is open at **9:30am** and all the activities are available. They need to be **submitted by 3pm**
- The **classroom stream is open everyday at 2pm** - this is where children can talk to their friends and teachers in a safe monitored environment
- Please check that your child is completing all the tasks set in the classroom daily
- Please ensure your child is reading every day outside of what is set in the Google Classroom, we have a wide range of ebooks available on MyOn

#### Daily tasks

English and Maths tasks are set daily accompanied by at least one topic task. There is also a weekly reading task. PE will be set on Mondays and Wednesdays (our PE days). We aim to have a balance between on-screen learning and off- screen learning over the week.

#### Current APPS you can use every week to support your learning:

All of these apps are linked through their normal login on RMUnify

Purple Mash

Times Table Rock Stars Feel free to challenge each other, or your teachers!

MyOn eBooks - Weekly reading task - visit every day for at least 10 mins

Accelerated Reader quiz should be completed at least once a week, dependent on length of book

#### Our topic this half-term

#### Geography: It's A Pirate's Life For Me!



This half term we are exploring the world of pirates, with a focus on geography and map skills. Children will be learning to:

- name and locate the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
- name and locate the world's continents and oceans on a simple map of the world.
- locate the Equator and the North and South Poles, Northern and Southern Hemisphere on a simple map of the world and globe.
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features: *beach, coast, island, mountain, ocean.*
- use simple compass directions (*North, South, East and West*) and locational language (*such as near, far*) to describe where things are on a map.
- use and devise a simple map.
- use a key for a map.

English: In English we are exploring writing for different purposes. Our main focus will be on using full stops, capital letters and question marks correctly, as well as spelling words we should know correctly. The list of these words is available in the 'Useful Stuff' section on the Google Classroom.

Maths: We are continuing to focus on addition and subtraction, using a range of equipment, including online resources and everyday objects you have at home. We will also be describing the position of objects and directions of movements using words such as forwards, backwards, left turn, right turn, quarter turn, half turn, full turn. We will also be learning about mass, and measuring using everyday objects, and measuring scales. We will be learning how to read scales.

Computing: We will be learning basic coding, including writing simple codes for making things happen (algorithms) and spotting mistakes in coding (debugging).

History: We are learning about famous pirates from history, including challenging stereotypes about pirates.

Science: We are learning to recognise and name everyday materials, and begin to explore some of their properties, such as whether you can see through it, is it waterproof, is it magnetic, etc. We will also investigate how these properties make a material suitable for a purpose, as well as find ways of changing the materials, such as by heating, cooling and by applying a force (squashing, squeezing, etc.)

PSHE: We will be encouraging children to investigate ways that they can remain focussed and calm at home and providing them with different strategies through things like Yoga and mindfulness. The aim is to be able to self regulate your emotions. This might be fun to do as a family at home.