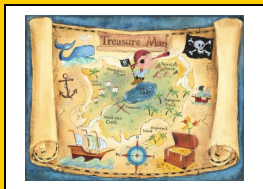


Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2011



Reception Year



Welcome to the Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter. We have lots of exciting activities for our children this term.



Our topic this term is **Treasure Island**.

We will be talking about Pirates and the Seaside.

To help the children work and play together, they will be following a programme of **Personal and Social Development**. The children will be considering the world around us and will think about how we can look after it. They will be taught to appreciate that we all have a duty to care for our environment and will take an active part in caring for our school and Caerphilly. As an example, we will be caring for our very old woodland next to the school, working with the Caerphilly Parks Department. The children will also continue to play and work together co-operatively. During the latter part of the term, the children will be visiting the Key Stage One building in preparation for moving to Year One. So attendance during the last few weeks of term is crucial to your child's successful transition

In **Language, Literacy and Communication**, the children will be learning the names as well as the sounds of the alphabet. The children will be encouraged to write stories with greater independence, attempting their own phonetic spelling. We are starting off the term by learning to write Set 5 Jolly Phonic sounds - z, w, ng, v, oo, oo. Children will be involved in imaginative role play in our Treasure Island, Captain Lock's Surf Shop/Café and Pirate Shop.



In **Mathematical Development**, we will be ordering numbers to 10 and beyond and continuing to learn their correct formation. The language of addition and subtraction will also be introduced. They will be working with 2D and 3D shapes to build houses and make a map. The children will be using coins to make simple shopping bills. We will be learning o'clock as part of our work on time.

In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**, we will be learning about the famous Welsh pirate, Henry Morgan and the Golden age of Pirates. We will be looking at maps and using Google Earth to look at important landmarks in Caerphilly as well as at Barry Island to compare and contrast localities. During our Forest Friday Sessions, we will be investigating the outdoor learning environment and how best to care for the flora and fauna found around our school grounds, including a special woodland project. (Please ensure that your child wears jogging bottoms and trainers on Fridays). We will be using the Beebot for direction, counting squares and programming this toy to get to a specific place on a treasure map. This term, the children will be learning their own home address so, if you could practise this at home, it would be a great help.



Creative Development -The children will be designing and making Pirate hats and eye patches. We will be teaching the children a technique for colour mixing powder paint and creating sunsets and water patterns.

Physical Development

Games will be our focus this term and we will be developing throwing, catching and dribbling skills.



Children will be involved in making pirate dens and gardening in the outdoors. We will be planting and enhancing our woodland, which will involve a variety of gross and fine motor skills.

Welsh Language Development – The children will be encouraged to use lots of incidental Welsh during the day. Our Helpwr y Dydd's are now very competent at giving their teams instructions and greetings in Welsh. We will be learning vocabulary associated with weather.

ICT

We will utilize computers, the SMART board and other equipment to help us learn about our environment. We hope to use our intel microscope to examine some of the minibeasts living in our grounds. This term, we will be using microphones to talk like a pirate and will be taking photos with our digital cameras.



Memo

Please send snack money contributions in a named envelope on a Monday or £3 for this half term.

We are trying to encourage children to drink water throughout the day, so it would be helpful if you could send in a water bottle (clearly labelled with your child's name).

With the prospect of more sunny days this term, please remember to apply sun cream on your child before school.

Please always send in coats every day, even if it looks like it might be a sunny day!

Please remember to put your child's name on everything – coat, lunch bags, jumpers, wellies etc

Suitable footwear must be worn to school at all times, open toe shoes/jelly shoes/crocs are dangerous when children are working outside.

Have a look at what we have been doing in school – www.twynschool.com

