

# Term 4 Newsletter

## Year 1

### Topic for the term

Our topic in Term 4 is Pirates.

We will be reading pirate stories as a hook to use in our writing. As well as reading our sentences to check they make sense we will try to make them more interesting by using the word 'and' to join two ideas together.

We will design and make a boat and consider how we could improve our designs.

We will follow and then write our own instructions to make pirate accessories.

We will make Tortilla Treasure Maps. Ooo Arr! Shiver me Timbers!

### PE and Sports News

In outdoor PE we will be learning new team games and showing cooperation to work together.

Indoor PE will involve some gymnastic skills and sequences.

We will walk the plank and climb the rigging to use our balance skills.

### Home Learning

The homework days remain the same as last term. Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday for a test on the Tuesday. Children will have a sheet to complete to show that they are practising their spellings regularly.

Please ensure that your child is reading at home at **least three times a week** and **record** this in their yellow diary. This should amount to around 10 minutes of your time and will aid your child's confidence and progress. It will also enter them in the weekly raffle for the opportunity of an end of term surprise.

Look out for some new Maths Challenges arriving at home!

There is an additional playtime to all children who complete their home learning each week.

### Ways to support your child at home this term

Write notes to each other as short question sentences which require a response.

Please continue to look and practise the Phonic sounds.

Practise saying and writing the days of the week. Your child is expected to read and write these words by the end of Y1.

Continue to look at the Common Exception Words. Your child is expected to read and write these words by the end of Y1.

Please practise at home.

Regularly look at the website for support.

Please do see Mrs Elson or Mrs Pendle if you would like some tips or information on useful websites to support your children.

### Key Dates for Term 4

21<sup>st</sup> February French Day at St Leonard's School

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 World Book Day

WC 13<sup>th</sup> March Science Week at St Leonard's School with a visit from Atomic Tom.

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March Parents' Eveninas