



# Foundation Stage News



Date: Friday 20th April 2018

Thank you for sending your child in wearing their pirate costume this week. We have all had a brilliant week and loved seeing the children dressed up, especially with their pirate beards and eye patches! The children have been incredible junior pirates and have completed pirate week with flying colours. They have learnt the names of the different parts of a pirate ship and then created their own pirate ships out of junk modelling. They have enjoyed creating their own toilet tube parrots, newspaper pirate hats and paper plate boats. We were very impressed with the instructions the children wrote for making paper plate boats.

### Bookmarks

Please can you continue to support your child to read and write the words at home: you might encourage them to put the word they have read into a sentence, or you could write the words and hide them around the room for your child to find and read. This will help your child develop their letter sound recognition and their segmenting and blending skills.

### Phonics

This week the children have been recapping Phase 3. Next week we will begin Phase 4. Use 'phonics play' online to give your child the opportunity to practise reading words with the digraphs and trigraphs that they have learnt. Buried treasure is accessible to all without a password. Either select Phase 2 or 3. The children love to play this game during 'thinking and doing' time.

### Maths:

Next week we are going to be focusing on measure. The children will have the opportunity to practise height, capacity and length. Can your child find two or more objects around the home or outside and order them based on their height? Can they describe the objects using the correct vocabulary? (short, shorter, taller, tallest) Can they then repeat this by finding objects of different lengths and order them based on the longest and shortest item?

For 'thinking and doing' we are setting up a pirate shop. If you have any pirate accessories (eye patches, hats, cutlasses, hooks) from your child's pirate costume this week that you are happy to lend us for the shop, we would be really grateful if we could use them. If you bring them in clearly labelled with your child's name, we will ensure we get them back to you at the end of the half term.

### Home learning ideas

We recommend that you read daily with your child and have added a number of extra optional home learning ideas that you might like to do during the week...	✓
Count forwards and backwards to 20 and practise writing the numbers	
Read a book to your child or let them read/tell you a story	
Play a game on phonics play	
Practise writing their full name, trying to use cursive print	
Practise describing the height and length of different objects	
Practise some of the activities of the FUNS cards	
If your child is still struggling with doing up their zip and buttons, please practise this	

With the weather getting warmer (let's hope it lasts) please can you ensure your child has sun cream on before coming to school. If you would like your child to apply their sun cream in school, please put a bottle of sun cream in your child's bag that is clearly labelled with their full name and class. This can then be kept in the classroom and your child can apply it when needed.

We would be really grateful if you could bring in any cardboard boxes or plastic containers (fruit punnets, large drinks bottles, yoghurt pots) for our junk modelling. Please ensure these are washed before given to a member of the foundation team and have not contained any nuts.

### Any Comments or Questions