



<p><b>Literacy</b>                  We have begun assessing the children's understanding of phonics and group children accordingly. Most Reception children will begin with Phase 2 sounds - SATPIN.                  Each letter is taught along with the sound it makes and has an action to accompany it to help the children remember them. For more information on this please ask. We will also be reading a selection of 'pirate' and 'castles' related stories - including J.M.Barrie's 'Peter Pan'. Our work will also include some poetry linked to fireworks and sea shanties.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b>                  In Maths, we will be learning through a variety of play-based activities to include both number and shape work. We will begin to learn how to do basic addition and subtraction, place value and patterns, as well as learning about odd and even numbers. All of the children have a Mathletics login which allows them access to a range of mathematical games to play from home on a tablet or PC. Look out for your child's login in their book bags.                  www.uk.mathletics.com                  Please come and speak to us should you need any assistance!</p>	
<p><b>PSHE/Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>                  As we get to know each other, we will learn school boundaries, routines, how to play fairly and show our school values. We will be looking closely at our value of 'truthfulness' this term.</p>	<p><b><u>This term our topic is:</u></b>  <b><u>'Way Back When...'</u></b>                  '...<u>The knights ruled the lands and the pirates ruled the seas'</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p><b>Communication and Language</b>                  Through both classroom and circle time activities, we will be building our confidence to speak in front of our peers. We will also take part in listening games to develop an understanding for the need to listen carefully to others.</p>
<p><b>PE/Physical Development</b>                  As well as enjoying our free-flow activities outside and use of the climbing frame, we will also have PE lessons on a <b>Friday</b> afternoon. Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school. We also partake in Active 10 - where we encourage all the children to be active, in many forms, for 10 minutes each day.</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; DT/Music/Expressive Arts and Design</b>                  Linking with our science and literacy work, we will be creating a variety of castles and boats using a range of materials. We will be designing and making them to test their strength and floating ability. We will also be listening to a variety of sea shanties and attempting to compose our own.</p>	<p><b>Science/RE/History/Geography/Understanding the World</b>                  As we move through the term, we will consider the seasonal changes happening around us and will also look at the importance of festivals such as Harvest and later Christmas. In Science, we will learn about different materials and link this with our topic work. Our Geography work will include learning about maps and mapping skills as we make treasure maps and maps of Neverland. In History we will be following on from our work on Captain Hook to look at real life pirates such as Blackbeard.  <b>Dates for your diary:</b>  <b>24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Harvest Service - St.Giles Church, Uley, 9.45am</b>  <b>11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - Anti-Bullying Week</b></p>