



Y2

Armstrong, Menken, Beethoven and Rag 'n' Bone classes
Autumn Term 1 2017 - Information Guide

# Our learning this term...

Our topic is Land Ahoy!

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Arrr...me hearties — it's a sailor's life for me!

Get your sea legs on, it's time to sail the salty seas. Navigate, investigate and explore the world — just like Captain Hook.

Make a boat, sink a ship, fly a pirate flag! Speak like a pirate, write like a poet, then weigh and measure a pirate's booty!

How do rescues happen at sea? Find out about brave volunteers and young Miss Darling, rowing her boat across the stormy seas.

Sing a sea shanty whilst cleaning the poop deck then search for Captain Longbeard's hidden treasure. Thar's land ahead, me buckos! Let's get t'ship t'port.

# **VISITS AND ENRICHMENT**

We will be enhancing our understanding of ships with a visit to Limassol Marina to spot the vast array of vessels! We will be singing sea shanties and becoming pirates, experiencing life on the Seven Seas. We will culminate our term with a visit from a real life explorer!

### **HOME LEARNING**

We will be sending home learning books home on Friday with home learning activities for the half term.

#### **READING**

We are focusing on reading and will be reading each week with your child in Guided Reading. Please ensure that reading books and reading records are in school every day.

## **HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD**

Regular reading — please initial when you have read with your child, we would love children to read at least 3 times a week at home. When reading with your child, don't forget to ask them questions to ensure that they understand what they are reading.

Regular counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

It has been lovely to see your children come in so refreshed and ready for learning after the Summer break. May we remind you that summer uniform can be worn, and that 'No Hat, No Play' is in force.

# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**PE** happens throughout the week in Year 2, please ensure that PE kit is in school on a Monday and stays for the week. PE kit consists of a blue t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers/plim soles.

Earrings should be sleepers, and bracelets and necklaces should not be worn to school. Children should not bring in toys/games into school.

**Library Day:** Wednesday for all Year 2 classes. Children will collect new library books starting from this Wednesday.

**Spellings** will be given weekly linked to the spelling pattern or phonic rule we have been focusing on that week.

**Class Dojo** – please ensure that you have connected to Class Dojo to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning. If you haven't yet connected, please speak to your child's teacher for a pass code.