

# The Ocean

Year 2 Newsletter



## Spring Term 1 2023

### Topic

The Year 2 topic this half term will be a geography-based topic- 'Oceans'. The children will reinforce previous learning about the continents, in addition to researching the world's oceans and its inhabitants. As part of this, the children will be developing their understanding of atlases and maps whilst studying the life and impact of explorers such as Captain James Cook.

In addition, we will be creating various art projects including block printing and collage.



reading plus

### Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In year Y2, children will be provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will **go out on a Friday** and must be **returned on the following Wednesday**. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it.

As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include: Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website.

### Maths

In maths, we will be studying multiplication and division, money and shape. Children will be primarily following the White Rose maths scheme.

Children will continue to focus on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and any support with this at home is greatly appreciated as fluency is so important.

### Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term and be given a reading range from which to choose their reading books.

Please encourage your child to read their book each night for at least 20 minutes. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school.



### English

In English, the children will explore piracy and others who sailed the high seas! We will be creating non-chronological reports based on their very own pirate island which they will design independently. Then, they will create a recount of a day in the life of a pirate. Ahoy me hearties!

### Science

In Science, our focus this term is animals, adaptations and their habitats. The will learn that most creatures live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

### Computing

This term, we will be using 2calculate on Purple Mash to produce spreadsheets. We will learn how to copy and paste, use the totalling tools, input money calculations, use the 2Calculate equals tool to check calculations and collect data and produce a graph.

### P.E.

Year 2 pupils will be studying dance this half term. We will be using the theme of exploration to influence our pieces.