



# ★ Newsletter ★

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Just like that, we are half way through the year. This week has allowed a chance to look back on just how far they have come since their first day in Year 1. They seem to be growing up and maturing more as the weeks go by and they continually amaze us with what learning they retain and what general knowledge they gather. Not only that, friendships are being firmed up, team work is improving and their confidence is blossoming.

On Thursday they got to create a beach using real sand, shells and pebbles. They worked with children across the whole of KSI, making waves to explore what we mean by erosion and trying to build the best barrier to protect our coasts. We hope they had as much fun as we did!

Next half term the children will be going on an exciting trip to Beaumanor (3rd March) for a pirate day. We can't wait to get stuck in and enjoy the activities they are putting on for us. On the Friday (4<sup>th</sup> March) the children will be looked after by Mrs Hopkinson as Miss Evans is braving her first ever residential! We know that seeing Mrs Hopkinson will make their day! This trip is the last event in our unit of work on Coastlines.

Our new topic will be Movers and Shakers. This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

## Maths:

In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction. We have focused on using number lines, partitioning to make ten, tens frames and part whole models. We challenged the children to think of different ways to write the calculation using only 3 numbers.

$$13 - 5 = 8$$

An example using the number bond method. Take away 3 to make 10, take away 2 because that's the other number bond.

$$13 - 5 = 8$$

$$8 = 13 - 5$$

$$5 = 13 - 8$$

We will be consolidating our learning on this after half term as these are quite tricky concepts to master!

## English:

In English we learnt the story of Sayeeda the Princess Pirate. It has been lovely hearing the children re-tell this story to each other and bringing their learning home. We have had a few treasure boxes and even a home-made telescope. Using the foundation of the story we wrote our own version. The children were brilliant, using sound mats, using exciting vocabulary,

beginning to use lovely sentence openers and coming up with imaginative ideas. We can't wait to share some of these with you on Parents Evening. One of the strategies used in Talk 4 Writing is the 5 sentence story, see if you can have a go over half term:

Once Upon a time...

One day...

Unfortunately,

Fortunately,

Finally...

#### Homework:

Our new Beyond Expectations grid will be sent out during the first week of term. The topic for the term is Movers and Shakers in which the children will be learning about significant individuals in the past. Our next Maths booklet focuses on addition and subtraction within 20. The children have been using number lines, 20-frames and part whole models. We have also sent out spellings for this half term and would actively encourage you to keep re-visiting these with your child when time allows. We can already see that so many of them are doing an excellent job with these both in terms of their spellings and reading.

#### Reading:

WOW, so many children are managing at least 3 times a week. We have two children in the class with over 100 reads. This has definitely prompted some of the children to read even more than they already do. We have also started our new phonics scheme "Little Wandle" which also has a page for parents on their website -

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>.

#### Additional Information:

- P.E. days will be changing to a **Wednesday afternoon** (outside/indoors) and a Friday morning with Gordon. Please make sure the children have warm clothes as well as their indoor PE kit.
- Beaumanor School Trip 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Pirate themed
- Show&Tell – lots of the children have been bringing in Show&Tell on a Friday. We can't always get through the volume that they are bringing in so please try and encourage them only to bring their most special items that have a story behind them

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