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Dear parents

**HEAD TEACHER'S** HIGHLIGHTS

Class 2 have completed their swimming sessions and it is amazing to see how each child has developed their swimming skills. We have children who can swim widths confidently and with stamina as well as children who started with floats for support who are now able to swim without them on

their front or back. Some children who may not have had much swimming experience at all are now able to move through the water happily. A very successful set of sessions and we are very thankful to our swimming teacher Kerry and to staff and our parent volunteer who have supported children both in and out of the water. I hope the children are very proud of their achievement, it was a pleasure to see them receive their certificates.

From our assessments this week children are doing very well with their sound recognition, blending and reading in general. We have seen some great progress over the last few weeks. Please look out for their RWI books coming home, they are being changed every three days, so it is quite fast paced. The daily input you have with your child's reading really helps them to become fluent readers. A short but regular time is often more effective than one long session. Also, please ensure your child has their reading diary and books in school to help with the organisation of this. If you have any concerns about your child's reading or equally want to share how well, you feel they are doing please don't hesitate to mention it to their class teacher. Feedback on how you feel your child is doing is always welcome.

We finish our Ship Ahoy topic next week, I think the children and staff have particularly enjoyed this one. We have had several comments about the range of facts etc that the children have been learning. It is also wonderful to hear the range of vocabulary that they are now using relating to ships, their history and of course pirates.

Have a super weekend Well Done!

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



### REMINDER



### **CLASS 1—RECEPTION CHILDREN SWIMMING LESSONS START NEXT WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY** 2023

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

14th Feb—Reception oral health talk

15th Feb - Class 1 Swimming Lessons Start

17th Feb - Valentine's Mufti - bring an item for the tombola

2nd March—World Book Day

7th March—Bags for Life

14th March—Parent Consultation

20th March—31st March—Big Pedal and Walk Day

29th March—Year 2 Forest School

30th March - Spring Fayre inc. Easter bonnet competition

#### **BAG 2 SCHOOL**

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## This Week's Winning Team is

# GREEN TEA



# Ship Ahoy! with Class 1

Last week we sent our questions about submarines to Mrs Bundy's uncle and we were so excited to get a reply from him this week! He sent us a message in a bottle which bobbed up in the canal when Mrs Bundy was walking her dog! He answered all our questions

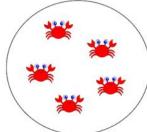
and some of the answers surprised us, especially the fact that he had seen real sharks and poisonous sea







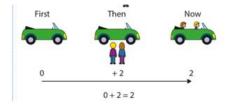






Maths, reception have been learning about fewer than and more than. We talked about Bluey and Bingo and who had more or fewer tickle crabs!

In year 1 maths the children have been using 'First', 'then' and 'now' to tell addition and subtraction stories.



We are recapping set 2 sounds in phonics this week. We are so good at reading words now using 'special friends, fred talk, read the word' to help us.



'Jake's First Day' has been our focus text this week. The children have applied for a job as a pirate and written about Jake's adventures on his second day at school.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week. we are very excited about our first swimming session on Wednesday!

Rewarded for trying so hard in his phonics.

### **CLASS 2 PAGE**

It has been another busy week in Class 2! We have come to the end of our swimming sessions for this school year, and it has been wonderful to see the children progress so much over the five weeks. They have shown an increasing confidence, resilience and all done with a big smile, well done!



Over the past six weeks we have been enjoying our learning about pirates. We found out what treasure the pirates would look for. Did you know they searched for coffee and sugar as this was a thought of as treasure? This week we looked at different artefacts found on ships in the 1700s.

Did you know this Spanish dollar was known as 'a piece of eight'?



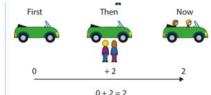
$$2 \times 5 = 1 \times 10$$

$$4 \times 5 = \boxed{ \times 10}$$

$$6 \times 5 = \boxed{ \times 10}$$

In year 2 maths this week we have been consolidating our x2, x5 and x10 multiplication facts. We have looked at how the facts can be commutative and often have links between them.

In year 1 maths the children have been using 'First', 'then' and 'now' to tell addition and subtraction stories.





Rewarded for carefully completing his work.



Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful Writer, Hand Writer of the week, Reader of the Week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.



Class 1



Class 2



# **BRONZE**

