

Reception News

Summer 1 Week 3 – 16th May 2025

What have we been learning?

- ♦ We have been reading the story of “**The Night Pirates**” & we really enjoyed hearing that it was the “rough, tough little girl pirates” who outwitted the grown up pirates!
- ♦ In our Phonics sessions this week we have been beginning to read words with five sounds (twist, trust, crunch) and we are also working hard to recognise our new “tricky words” on sight.
- ♦ In Maths we have been learning to write the number 13 correctly with the help of “**Episode 13**” from the “Tia Ten Show” on Ten Town. We have also been learning that the number 13 is made up of 10 and 3 more (Tia Ten and Thelma Three) not a 1 & a 3, because that would be 4 not 13.
- ♦ We have absolutely loved learning all about pirate ships this week & naming the different parts of them. (e.g. Crow’s Nest, rigging, anchor, deck etc).

It was great fun (but rather messy!) using pastels to do an observational drawing of a pirate ship.

Investigating which materials float or sink in the water tray.

Homework

Literacy

- Sounds - Please keep revising all of the sounds using the little brown sound books. *We have noticed this week that some children seem to be mixing up the digraph ai & the trigraph air.*
- Reading books and sight words (“tricky words”) - A new set has been sent home this week. *Please remember to write us a comment to let us know how your child managed with their reading at home.*
- Writing about “**The Night Pirates**” story independently and drawing a picture to show what happened or drawing their favourite part of the story. *Please encourage your child to do this independently, as this is what we ask them to do in school. We **don’t** want perfect spellings, phonetic spellings are what we’re after (e.g. ‘pighrut’ or ‘pighrat’ are both absolutely fine phonetically).*

A little note about coats and sunhats...

Please can you ensure that your child always has a coat in school with them? Our British weather is so changeable that its always best to have a coat just in case!

If you would like to cover all bases and also send your child into school with a named sunhat too, then that would be great please. If it is forecast to be very sunny, then please can you apply a long-lasting sun-cream at home before school, as we are not allowed to apply this in school.