

# Reception News

Summer 1 Week 4 – 23rd May 2025

## What have we been learning?

- ♦ We have been learning some facts about real-life pirates from the past this week. We have learnt lots of interesting facts & we asked lots of good questions about the real pirates too.
- ♦ In our Phonics sessions this week we have been continuing to read words with five sounds, focusing especially on words which end with 'ing', and we are also working hard to recognise our new set of "tricky words" on sight.
- ♦ In Maths this week we have been learning about how using **positional language** helps us to accurately describe where something is. We showed our understanding of these words (on, under, behind, in front, above & beside) by putting a pirate toy in each position near our toy pirate ship. It was great fun! We have also been learning to write the number 14 correctly with the help of "**Episode 14**" from the "Tia Ten Show" on Ten Town. We have also been learning that the number 14 is made up of 10 and 4 more (Tia Ten and Freddie Four).

We had a fantastic time on our visit to Hardwick Park on Wednesday!

## Homework

### Literacy

- Sounds - Please keep revising all of the sounds using the little brown sound books.
- Reading books and sight words ("tricky words") - *A new set of words were sent home last week in your child's plastic "Tricky Words" packet.*
- Play the **tricky words game**. You'll just need a dice & at least 2x people (including your child!) to play. If you land on a space, the idea is that you need to read that word on sight. If you can't read it on sight, you stay on that space. If you can, you throw the dice again.

### Maths

- Positional Language - have a look at the "Home learning challenges" to let you practise using the **positional language** words that we have been thinking about this week in school.

## Happy holidays!

We hope that you have a lovely, relaxing half-term holiday. The children have been working so hard during this half term and they deserve a good rest! Thank you so much for your continued support with the homework and the "Between Us" books. Let's hope the sun shines on us all during the holidays!

From, Mrs Short, Mrs Silvester & Mrs Dietz