

Reception News

Summer 1 Week 3 – 8th May 2026

What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been reading the story of “**Pirates Love Underpants**” and we have enjoyed experiencing lots more pirate and pants-related activities - decorating some pants (made out of paper!) using collage materials, drawing pictures about the story of “Pirates Love Underpants” & writing labels for them independently & playing with the small world pirate ships to make up our own pirate stories.
- ◆ 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.

Drawing pirate self-portraits was great fun!

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 “**Pirates Love Underpants**” 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).*

Maths

- Complete the Pirate counting sheet, by counting carefully before writing the corresponding numerals to show how many of each object there are.

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.