

# Reception News

Summer 1 Week 5 – 22nd May 2026

## 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 recapping all of our work from the last half-term. We are becoming such fantastic phonetic spellers when we are writing independently now.
- ◆ In Maths this week we have been learning about the concept of **halving** and sharing 2D shapes fairly into two equal pieces. We have also been sharing different amounts of pirate treasure fairly between two pirates - we thought that the pirates might get a bit grumpy if the treasure wasn't shared fairly! We have also been learning to write the number 15 correctly with the help of "**Episode 15**" from the "Tia Ten Show" on Ten Town. So we now know that the number 15 is made up of 10 & 5 more (Tia Ten & Fiona Five) not a 1 & a 5, because that would be 6 not 15.

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 purple sound books.
- Reading books and sight words ("tricky words") - *a new set has been sent home this week.*
- Write some labels to describe parts of the pirate (wooden leg, eye patch etc). *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.*

### Maths

- **Halving** - Have a go at some of the "Halving Home Learning Challenges" in order to reinforce the concept of halving and that, when we halve something, the two halves have to be equal so that it's fair.

We are continuing to add links to useful websites **DB Primary** relating to our "**Magic and Mayhem**" topic, including several short video clips about tall ships - the kind of ships which pirates used to sail in. Please do try to have a look at home with your child in order to support their learning in school, thank you.

## 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