

Hazelbury Primary School

Terrific Twos News Spring One



Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely winter break! Thank you to everyone who has updated their 'All About Me' section on Tapestry, and uploaded photos taken over the holidays!

During this half-term our topic will be 'Why Do We Travel On Water?' We will be basing learning around pirates and understanding that we can travel on water on a boat, whilst comparing it to how they travel, for example coming to school in a car or walking. They will be exploring kinetic art and making mobiles with an artist focus on Alexander Calder, alongside engaging in moving in different ways to music, e.g. pirate song. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Valentine's Day (to celebrate the people who are important to us).

A reminder that we do go outside whatever the weather so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather, e.g. puddlesuits and bring in wellies.

Celebrating Achievements:

We had plenty of fun last half term, immersing ourselves in all things festive and book related! The children enjoyed small world play with their friends to retell stories they had been reading. They created a range of lovely artwork based on the books they looked at, using mixed media, and different techniques, such as collage and printing. They have been building relationships and developing their sharing, whilst being helpful when they see their friends needs a hand! We have had a big focus on numbers, and learning to count, alongside developing our number recognition.



Why Not Try This at Home?!

During this topic you might like to create a treasure map with simple symbols or pictures to guide your toddler to hidden *treasures* around the house. You can use things like chocolate coins, stickers, or small toys as the treasure. Make it exciting by saying phrases like "Arrr, matey! Let's go find the treasure!" You could make a pirate hat - help your toddler to cut out a pirate hat shape from black or brown construction paper. Decorate it with skull and crossbones or colourful jewels using markers or stickers. Let them wear it afterward and say "Ahoy, matey!" Put on some pirate-themed music (e.g. "Pirate's Life for Me") and have a pirate dance party. Show your toddler how to pretend to 'swab the deck' or 'climb the rigging' while dancing along. You can add fun pirate phrases like, "Yo ho ho!" Don't forget to take photos and upload them onto Tapestry for us to see your wonderful activities!

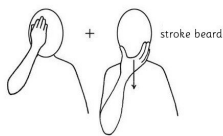
Top Tips for Talking:

This half term's top tips:

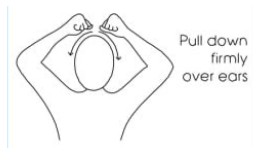
- 1) If your child is not yet verbally expressing themselves, you can try to use some [early sign language](#) to help eliminate the frustration factor.
- 2) When talking and interacting with your toddler, pause and wait at least 5 to 10 seconds to give them a chance to make a sound or say a word.

Makaton Signs:

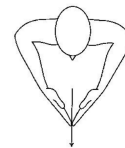
We use sign language as another means of communication with your children. Please see this half term's signs linked to our theme. Why not practise these with your children at home?



pirate



hat



boat

Key Info:

Please send spare clothes in with your children to leave in their lockers in case of a toileting accident, as well as a clearly labelled water bottle. Please also write your child's name in their jumpers. Please also send your child to school with wellie boots and a puddlesuit.

6th-10th January – Art Attack

16th January – Non-Uniform Day

22nd January – Individual Photographs

30th January – Dress Up As a Pirate Inspiration Day

11th February – Safer Internet Day

13th February – Valentine's Afternoon Tea with families (letter to follow with timings)

14th February – Last Day

Where Can You Find Us?

If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening within school then you can find us using the apps and website below.



Instagram Username:
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School Website:
www.hazelbury-primary-school.co.uk