



A New Start and a New Year for Year 2....



I would like to start by saying a very warm welcome back to all of the children in Year 2 and their parents! This term is already looking to be a very exciting (and busy) one.

The children's topic throughout this term is called 'Hit the Deck' and will be focused on the adventures of pirates! During the course of the academic year we will be inspired by our school topic 'The Year of Adventure' and will be using it as a starting point for our learning. This term in particular the children will be kicking off their learning in style, becoming biographers themselves as they share the story of their own life adventure, interests and talents as we get to know each other in our first week together.

Our RE studies, as always will be at the heart of our learning. We will be focusing on the stories of creation and beginnings in the Bible. We will also learn about the signs and symbols in Baptism and how we prepare at Advent as Christmas approaches.

We will learn more about the lives and adventures of pirates by reading Julia Donaldson's 'The Troll'. We will also be writing the biography of the real-life Captain Jack Sparrow! In Mathematics we will be using our investigative skills to solve

problems involving coordinates and pirate currency!

In Science, we will be categorising all the living and non-living things to be found in Davey Jones' Locker! We will also be investigating different habitats visited by celebrated pirates, and the food chains we find under the sea and on desert islands!

We will be using our I-pads to update you on our work in class (www.brwacademy.com) and each child will have chance to take home the class 'adventure satchel' which will contain lots of resources for children to scrap-book about their own adventures.

The children will also have the opportunity to take part in Dance with Miss Smith. The children will be learning a swashbuckling routine, inspired by the soundtrack of 'Pirates of the Caribbean'.

The children will have more opportunities to develop their Independence than ever before, and I, for one, can't wait to get started!

Miss Catterall

Dates for your diary...

Year 2 Swimming Starts	8/9
International Evening	19/9
INSET Day	3/10
Parents Consultations	14/ 10
Parents Consultations	15/ 10
Christmas Jumper Day	12/10
Year 2 Christmas Presentation	9/12
School Closes for Christmas	19/ 12

Ways You Can Help...

- Encourage your children to bring in PE kit AND swimming kit each Monday
- Read every evening and sign your child's reading log
- Check the reading record for home-work (This will be set every Friday)

YEAR 2 PREPARE TO WALK THE PLANK!

In support of the children's studies in PE, Year 2 will be taking part in swimming sessions in the Autumn and Summer terms. The children will have a full induction and begin developing their water confidence from the first session. The children will visit Clifton Leisure Centre on Monday afternoons. They will need to take a towel and swimming costume. For those with long hair, they will need to have it tied back in preparation for the water! Children are welcome to wear goggles,

please send them with a note of consent. However, children are not permitted to swim with earrings in. In the Summer term, swimming will take place on Wednesdays.

UNDER THE SEA...

As part of the children's 'Pirates In Training' programme we will be visiting the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham to get a closer look at all of the weird and wonderful creatures which live below the depths! Further details will follow shortly, keep your telescopes to hand!

