

Spring is in the Air!



Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I can hardly believe that we are now over half way through the academic year! The children continue to make super progress and I am looking forward to seeing more of the same this term.

We are looking forward to launching our new learning quest with our key stage 1 'pirate day' which promises to be lots of fun and help to hook the children into our learning. Keep your eyes peeled on Twitter and Tapestry for photographs of our activities.

Our pirate day will give the year 2 children an opportunity to dust off their outfits from our recent 1 night residential to Beaumanor Hall. This was such a fantastic experience during which some great memories were made. The children were all great fun to be around and considering it was the first night away from home for some, coped brilliantly. We are looking forward to telling you all about it in our assembly (see opposite). Year 1 children and parents have this all to look forward to and I am sure the time will fly before they are donning their eye-patches and setting sail on the good ship

Beaumanor!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries using the following email:

Significant person

This term we will be looking at the life of Mary Seacole who made significant contributions to nursing.

She lived an exciting life, travelling to many different countries and helping soldiers in war.

When Mary Seacole died in 1881, her story was forgotten.

But today, Mary Seacole is very well known. This term we will be finding out the ways in which she was brave and very determined.



Cottingham CofE Primary School

Class: Ash

Term: 4



Homework

As always, homework for the children in Ash class will consist of **daily reading, spelling and maths** work which will continue to be set each week on MyMaths. Ash class will also continue on their quest to be the school Times Tables Rockstars champions. This is also an important element of your child's homework so please do support them in accessing this. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need log in details re-sent.



Quest: Ahoy There!

How can explorers change the world?

This term we will be donning our eye patches and best pirate beards as we find out about all things pirate. We will specifically focus our learning on Christopher Columbus and how his exploration and discovery left a legacy which changed the world.



PE days



This term, PE for Ash class will continue to take place on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may take place outdoors, therefore we advise that children wear a red hoodie for warmth.

Please ensure that **ALL** clothing is clearly named as this will encourage the children to take responsibility for the significant amount of clothing that is lost/misplaced every day.

Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **forgiveness and friendship** through our collective worship.

Celebration worship will continue to take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. The parents of award winners will be invited to join us for this special time in the school week.

Please note that our the year 2 children will be presenting a very special Beaumanor assembly on **Thursday 3rd March at 2.45pm** This will be held in school. Please could we ask for one parent/carer only per child to attend.

Homework ideas

Please see below a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home:

- Create a treasure map and write some directions to the treasure.
- Visit your local library and find some books about pirates
- Write our draw five special things you would put in your treasure chest
- Create a pirate glossary—an A-Z of pirate words

Book recommendation of the term

Our book recommendation of the term is the exquisite **Leon and the Place Between** by Angela McAllister. Our year 2 children have enjoyed reading this as we have been practising our reading VIPERS skills. Each page is beautifully illustrated and full of rich vocabulary. The book tells the story of a boy called Leon who visits a big top magic show with his family. But this is no ordinary magic show and the magician is now ordinary magician! A highly recommended read that you and your child will want to revisit time and again.

