



Peregrine Falcon Class Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term First Half 2018



Hello shipmates and a very warm welcome to the first Curriculum Letter from Peregrine Falcon Class. Our topic this term is Life on the Ocean Waves where we will learn all about boat building, sailors and Admiral Lord Nelson.

Below is a brief outline of the exciting learning that will be taking place this half-term and some useful ideas on how you can help your child succeed. Your involvement in your child's education makes a huge difference to their success. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you and teaching your children throughout the year.

Mr Vokes

English

We will be delving in to the book *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies. This will include exploring characters and looking after something that has been stranded on the beach which will lead to the children writing their own stories in a similar style.

You could help your child at home by:

Sharing the book *The Storm Whale* with them and talking through the story.

Looking At some other fantastic books about Benji Davies (A list can be found at – <http://www.benjiidavies.com/blog>) and think about the similarities and differences between the books.

Take a walk along the beach and look at some of the creature habitats and natural materials that have washed up on the shore, You could even bring something in that you have found to share with the rest of the class.

Maths

Some of the things we will be exploring include:

- Place-value
- Counting up to 100 and beyond.
- Addition and subtraction.

You could help your child at home by:

Practice adding and subtracting when playing board games, dice games or out shopping.

Talking to them about the place-value of numbers. For example 'how many 10s in 15? How many 1s?' especially when using money.

Practice counting games forwards and backwards in different steps.

DT

In DT we will become brilliant boat builders. It would be useful if your child could look at different toy boats/pictures of boats and discuss their design. They could even draw a picture of their favourite one.

Art

We will be paper weaving and we will be weaving our own patchwork design. It would be useful if they practiced some paper weaving at home. Good examples can be found on:
https://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Colors/Paper_Weaving/Paper_Weaving.html

PE

PE is going to be outdoors this half term (weather permitting!). Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, including suitable footwear and that it is clearly labelled.

Parent helpers and school trip.

I would like to extend a warm friendly welcome to any parents who could spare a few hours to listen to children read. Reading is a vital skill for children's progress and learning and your involvement makes a big difference.

I will be taking the children on a **school trip to the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth on Wednesday the 19th September** and am looking for some willing and able 'crewmates' to come on the trip.