

Reception Newsletter 29th April 2022

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have been:

- To the *Golden Hinde*! Thank you so much for your support with making this visit happen, especially at short notice. We had a great time and learnt so much. Children came back *SO* excited about building pirate ships, finding treasure and learning about boats in general.
- Subtracting by counting back. Children have been learning to use a number line to help them, for example for 12-3 they have started on a 12 and moved back 3 spaces, landing on the 9. We have also used board games to practise this skill. We made a board game with red squares, if children landed on the red square they had to roll the dice and move their counter back that many spaces.
- Reading pirate stories such as 'Pirates love underpants' by Clare Freedman.
- Practising sentence writing using finger spaces and full stops. Children are doing well with sounding out new words phonetically in their independent writing and trying to spell the tricky common words such as the and was correctly.

Next week we will be:

- Continuing to learn about pirates and ships. We will learn about famous voyages and pirates from the past, as well as practising our compass reading skills further.
- Reading the book 'Hooray for Fish' by Lucy Cousins. This beautifully illustrated book is a great starting point for encouraging independent writing and artwork. We will be enlarging some of the books illustrations and supporting children with recreating their own fishy underwater scenes, as well as writing their own versions of the story.
- Learning the Poem 'Five Little Seashells' that we have also been learning with Charlotte in our music lessons.
- Counting back from 20 in maths, as well as solving maths problems within 20. For example, there are 20 children in the classroom. 1 child goes home, how many children are left in the classroom?

You can help at home by:

- Practising number formation whenever the opportunity arises, whether that's on paper with a pencil, in the bath with bath crayons, or outside with big chalk/in the sand.
- We would love to have you come in and read a short story to us one afternoon. This could be a traditional tale, a short story book that is a favourite in your house, or even a story told orally. If you have a story written in your home language that would also be lovely for children to hear. If you would like to, please fill in the form in the post box on the shelter.

Have a lovely long weekend! We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 3rd May.

Sarah, Katie and the EY team