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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Sheppey Class,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know what we will be learning about over the following term and also a reminder of how some things work in Sheppey Class.

We have PE on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please do come into the corridor every few weeks to have a look through your child's PE bag to check that they still have a full PE kit. They will need a white top, blue shorts and a pair of daps. On Fridays they will also need a pair of trainers for running at the Rec. Please ensure that everything in their bag is named.

Mrs Byrnes will continue to support us in class in the mornings and afternoons. The mid-morning drink and snack should be fresh or dried fruit only and it should be named or in a named pot. Please could you also label drinks bottles. These should be placed in the box outside the classroom. We are part of a scheme providing free fruit which we have during the afternoon.

It is fantastic if you can help to support your child's reading at home. Please try to listen to your child read and then write in their Blue Record Book as often as possible (at least once a week). We appreciate your involvement in your child's learning. It really does make a positive difference. We are happy to change your child's book every day if they read each night, their blue book and old reading book just need to be placed into the reading box outside the classroom. Your child will also continue to be involved in a weekly guided reading session.

Our topics for the coming term are **Pirates and Seasides**

Literacy - As I'm sure you are aware, we have been learning about the terrifying pirate Red Beard and writing our own warning tales. Following that, we will be thinking about persuasive texts and why we should join Red Beard's Crew. We will then move onto recount writing.

Numeracy - We have been working hard on division and multiplication and learning how these link together. We will be moving onto fractions and also recapping our work on subtraction.

Geography - During our pirates topic we will be learning about maps, following maps and drawing our own. When we move onto seasides we will be looking at the features of some of the local beaches.

History - We will learn about some pirates from the past and also look at seasides/seaside holidays from the past.

Science - As part of our topics we are going to be thinking about floating and sinking as well as looking at sea creatures and their habitats

Music - Pirates sing all sorts of songs so we will be learning lots of sea songs and adapting songs to make them our own. We will also think about using instruments throughout our lessons. For our seasides topic we will learn some holiday songs.

Art and DT - The children will be doing all sorts of pirate-themed crafts. We have been decorating a bottle for a 'message in a bottle' activity which the children have enjoyed. We have also been doing some observational drawings of shells. As part of our seaside topic we will be making sea creature models and painting seaside pictures. The



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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

making area also continues to be freely accessible to the children in the afternoons where they have the opportunity to design and make their own pirate creations.

ICT - We will be continuing to develop our understanding of technology using the chrome books and iPads. We will be using programs such as Purple Mash to develop our skills.

PE - The children will learn about working in a team and the skills required for this. This will include thinking about the skills that we might need on sports day.

SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) – Our topics will focus on 'relationships and change'. We will be helping the children understand and cope with change in their transition to Year 2 and Year 3.

RE - Our R.E topic is 'Who are we?' As part of this topic, the children will be thinking about who and what is special to them, who supports and guides them (people, experiences, feelings, beliefs, values, ideas) and what makes us joyful, peaceful, wonder, reflective, happy and sad? (Experiences, places, celebrations, stories, songs and, for some people, prayers).

Kind regards,

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