



# Look What We've Been Doing...

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Christ Church

## Year 1 Celebration Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2019

Wow what a busy first half term it has been! The children have all settled into Year 1 extremely well and have enjoyed the different learning challenges that have been set. We kickstarted our 'Land Ahoy' topic by investigating different materials and finding out how we might send a letter across the sea.



Our Pirates activity session was a huge success! The children really enjoyed making their hats, eye patches and hooks - and it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and extended family members joining in with the fun!

During this half-term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School experience, finding out what it takes to survive in the wilderness. They have looked at the importance of warmth, food, shelter and water for survival and learned skills such as shelter building, knot tying and fire building! In their final session, they had a go at toasting marshmallows, yummy!



In Maths, the children have been comparing and adding numbers within 10, finding different ways to partition numbers, and recording their findings using part-whole models and addition sentences. It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Open Maths Lesson' and we hope that you found it useful to see how maths is taught in Year 1.

In English, the children have continued to practise their writing skills by composing letters, writing questions, creating adverts and compiling information fact files. We have used the books 'The Pirates Next Door' and 'Lost and Found' as a stimulus for our writing and the children have really engaged with the stories.

We have been very fortunate to have Miss Laddas in class with us to listen to the children read every week and the benefits of reading regularly both at home and at school are really beginning to show. We will be holding a phonics information session for parents during the next half-term.

Finally, we have been busily practising our Harvest Service and hope to see many of you in church on Friday. As you will be aware, there will be some staffing changes in Year 1 next half-term. Mrs Tacy returns from her maternity leave on 18<sup>th</sup> November and will take over from Mrs Hale in Class 4 just in time for our trip to the Maritime Museum on 21 November. After a busy, action packed eight weeks, the children are now getting tired and are ready for their half-term break to begin! We that hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The Year 1 Teaching team. ☺

<u>Upcoming Dates for your Diary</u>	
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Y1 Maritime school trip - All day
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Phonics Open Lesson