



RECEPTION TOPIC

NEWSLETTER



Summer Term 2 2026

Pirates Ahoy! (2 weeks)

Our next exciting topic is all about Pirates! We start the topic with our pirate themed dress up day where we will become pirates for the day, learning to walk the plank, create treasure maps to find hidden treasure, make dress up props to add to our role play area and find out our pirate names! We will capture the children's imaginations and immerse them in 'Pirates Ahoy' by learning a sea shanty and, through drama, we will become pirate crew and search for hidden treasure on an island. During this topic, we will read many pirate stories, with a focus on 'Pirates love Underpants', designing our own pants and having a pant parade! We will also be searching for the golden underpants by following the map. We will explore concepts such as floating and sinking.

At the Seaside! (3 weeks)

We live in such a beautiful part of the country, so why not explore it further? This is a lovely topic to find out more about our beautiful beaches and seaside town. The children will become immersed in the topic by 'packing for a holiday' with our added props in the home corner role play area. We will be discussing holidays that the children have been on with their family and find out about the history of the seaside. We will read many stories based around the topic and focus on the text 'Billy's Bucket'. Children will make predictions and use their imaginations to decide what they would see in their own bucket. We will also discuss plastic pollution and the need to look after our beaches and recycle. Our topic will end with a class visit to the beach where we will enjoy some beach fun to end not only the topic, but also our school year!

Uniform Reminder

Your child is now welcome to wear their summer uniform, or to continue to wear their PE kit, if they prefer. Please refer to the school uniform list for information on which items must be purchased from PMG Schoolwear. We are hoping to see the sunshine on a more regular basis, and would therefore request that your child brings a water bottle every day, as well as a St Martin's school/plain navy summer hat and sun cream. Please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before school. We will then apply at school as and when necessary and according to your response to the School Spider survey.

Morning Fruit Snack

Please could you ensure that your child brings their morning fruit snack in a **separate container** to their lunchbox so it can be accessed easily. The children place their fruit snack in a separate trolley when they come to school so that they can collect it easily when it is fruit time.

Diary Dates

Friday 12th June – Sports day (8:45am – 1pm) on Talbot Heath playing fields, Rothesay Road.

Monday 15th June – Science Fair entries in for judging.

Tuesday 23rd June – Class outing to the beach for the morning (further information will be sent out nearer the time)

Wednesday 24th June – Picnic lunch and School Summer show performance on the school field.

Friday 26th June – New class transition day – children will be spending the day with their Year One teacher.

Monday 29th June – Summer fayre after school

Friday 3rd July – St Luke's Prizegiving service at 9.30am. School ends at 3.25pm for the summer holidays.

Any additions to these will be sent out via School Spider/Tapestry as and when necessary.

Many thanks,

Mrs Darnell