

Arthur Bugler Primary School **Parent Information Booklet**



Year 2

Autumn Term
2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We are very excited to get to know your child and teaching them this year. In Year 2 we have 6 very exciting topics to learn about and we have lots of fun activities and incredible Wow Starters prepared. It's going to be a great year! In this booklet you will find information regarding each subject area and what we will be covering throughout this term. Happy reading!

In English, we will be looking at a range of fiction, non-fiction texts and poetry. As part of our fiction work, we will look at both Traditional Tales and stories with familiar settings linked to our Cornerstones themes. When focusing on Non-fiction, we will be exploring the language and layout features of reports and recounts. Throughout the year we will be continuing to develop the children's letters and sounds knowledge and how using these relate to spellings. We will also be developing their sentence structures, punctuation and grammar skills as well as joining their handwriting (when they are ready with accurately formed letters first that start and finish in the correct place).

In Mathematics, we will begin the term developing our knowledge of the value of 2 digit numbers and reading and writing numbers to at least 100. We will compare and order numbers within this range and beyond using appropriate mathematical systems. We will use this knowledge to develop our calculation skills, solving a range of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems with both written and mental methods. We will practise counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s from any number and develop our knowledge of these times tables. Also we will use a combination of money to create different amounts and use the correct symbols to show pounds and pence.

Land Ahoy! (Our first Cornerstones topic)

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Get ready to take to the high seas and set sail in search of treasure! This half term, we are going to have a Pirate Day and our Wow Starter. We'll write about our Wow Starter, read information books, investigate amazing sea rescues and write postcards and poetry influenced by the sea. Our science skills will help us to understand how boats float and we'll design and make model ships using a variety of materials. We'll study paintings of boats and draw detailed pictures of our own. Our map reading skills will help us to identify different seas and oceans, and we'll learn about famous sea explorers. Stories of pirates will inspire us to make pirate flags, treasure maps and fact files. We'll even find out how to talk and sing like a pirate! Shiver me timbers; it's going to be good!

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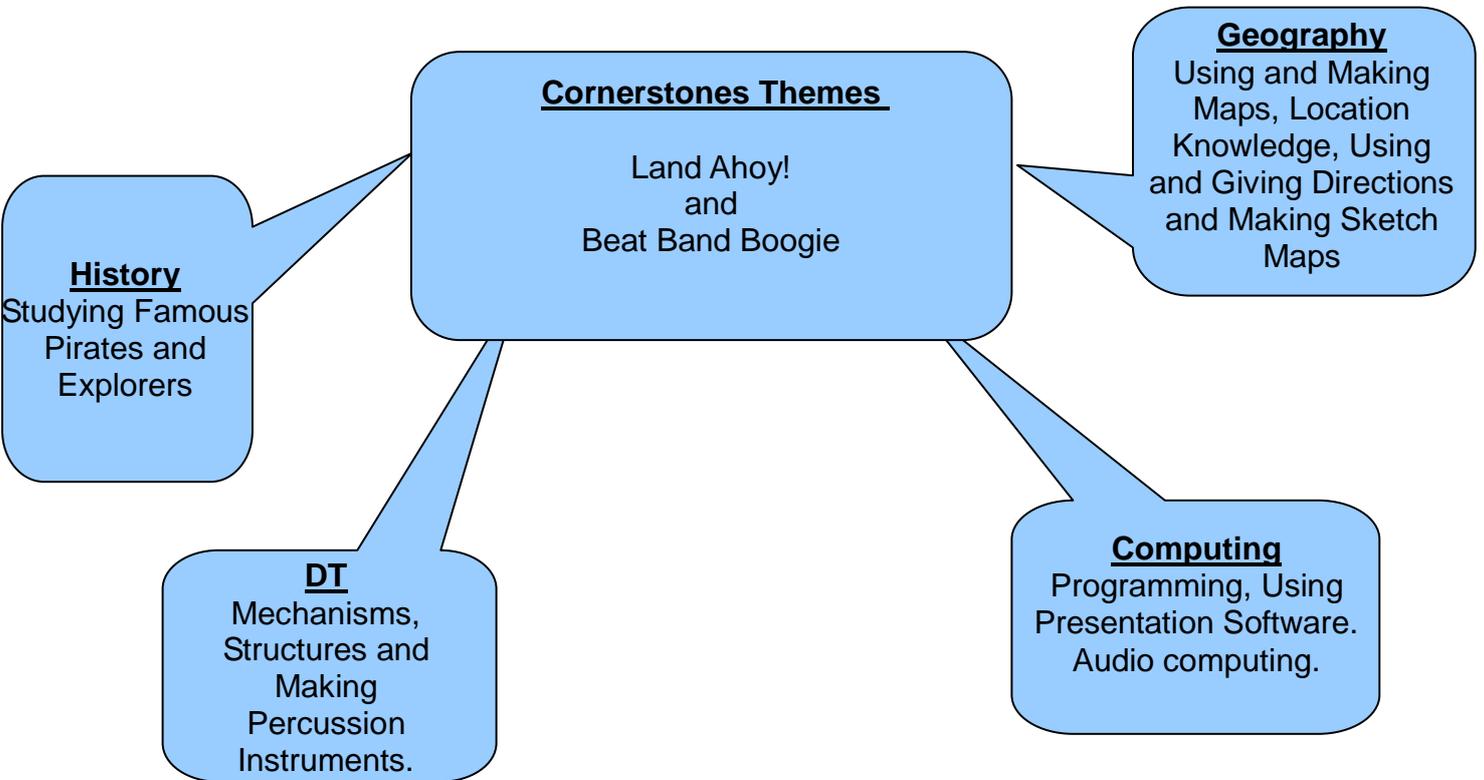
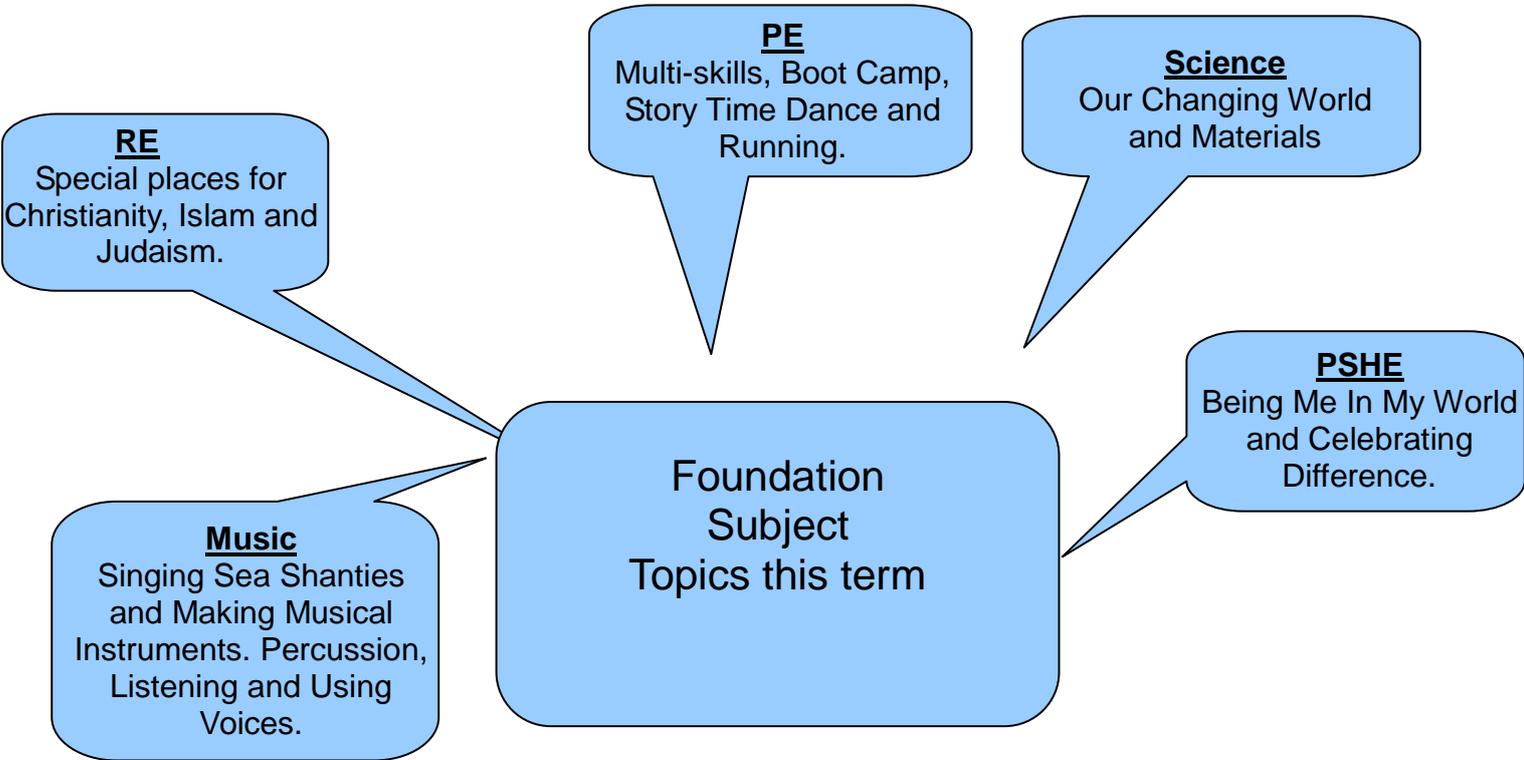
The sea is fascinating! Why not take a trip to the coast? Visit the harbour, lifeboat station and beach and take plenty of interesting photographs. You could also make boats from plastic cartons, cardboard boxes and polystyrene trays. Add sails and cargo then see which boats sail around the bath successfully! Alternatively, sing along to some lively sea shanties performed by The Fisherman's Friends from Port Isaac in Cornwall. Visit their website to access free sample tracks.

Beat Band Boogie! (Our second Cornerstones topic)

Left, right, left, right, here comes the marching band! Next half term, we'll be stepping in time to the beat and learning all about music. We'll listen to a music ensemble, identify pulse, rhythm and pitch, and move in time to the music. Leading and following instructions will help us make percussion instruments and we'll also design our own. We'll learn nursery rhymes including The Grand Old Duke of York and read the story of The Little Tin Soldier. Our bodies will turn into instruments as we try to master the art of body percussion. We'll learn lots of new songs and write lyrics and tunes of our own. We'll listen carefully to different sounds outdoors, test our sense of hearing and find out how far different sounds can travel. Practice will hopefully make perfect when we perform our songs and dances with confidence.

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Music is a universal language. Why not listen to a wide variety of music together? Make a list of the music you have enjoyed, and share it with others. You could also watch clips of brass bands online and listen to the sounds of different instruments. Alternatively, take a 'sound walk' around your local area. Listen for vehicles, voices and natural sounds to appreciate the background noises we often take for granted.



General Information

- PE uniform should remain in school at all times and will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term. Our PE days are **Monday** (outdoor) and **Wednesday (indoor)**.
- A weekly homework task will be set on Thursdays and should be returned by Tuesday.
- Spellings – will be given out on Friday and tested the following Friday.
- Please listen to your child read every night at home and record it on the GoRead app.
- Water bottles should be clearly named and brought into school every day.

Wow Starters

Land Ahoy will be celebrated with a Pirate Dress Up day and hopefully a trip to Maldon Park.

In the second half term we will be sharing an experience in school to get us excited about our Beat Band Boogie topic.

If you do have any further questions and you wish to speak to us, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office or send a class dojo message and we will respond as quickly as we possibly can. We look forward to working closely with you and your child.

Thanks in advance for all of your help and support,

Mrs Seshie and Miss Morley

