

Dear parents,

Another amazing term has come to an end and we can't believe the children are about to start their final term in Year 1! We have loved our 'Famous Explorers' topic and have learnt about Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison and Ernest Shackleton. Next term our topic is called 'Pirates on Our Doorstep' – a group of friendly pirates arrive in Bewdley and we will need to teach them about the geography of our school and local area. We will read some pirate books in literacy too.

The National Phonics Screening

Test will take place the first week back after half term (Monday 6th June - Friday 10th June). All children in Year 1 will take the test. The children will be given a list of real and nonsense words (example on the right) to read to their class teacher. Children will be largely unaware of it being a test and have already participated in lots of practice ones this term. We will do it in a laid-back manner!

crab	yair 
fresh	blies 
wink	keam 
shuts	whape 

Rather than giving out our weekly spellings and Beat That, we have attached a sound mat to the back of this letter. Please practice recognising the sounds and characters with your child. You can ask your child to show you the actions! It would be largely beneficial if the children could practice segmenting and blending words with the sounds in too.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you again after the break!

The Year 1 Team 😊

