



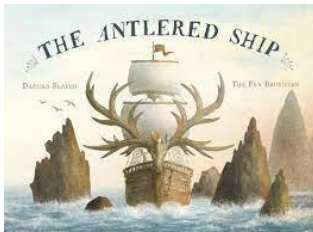
King's Academy Binfield

## Topaz Class

# Welcome to the Summer Term!



A warm welcome back! It is already the beginning of the Summer Term and I am so happy to have the children back in class for this final term of Year 2. We have an exciting term of learning ahead of us which I have outlined for you below.



### English

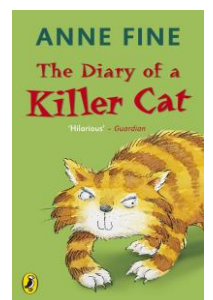
We have already begun reading 'The Antlered Ship' by Dashka Slater this week and the children will be using this to write an adventure story of their own. We will also be writing a 'how to' guide for adventurers, such as how to escape from pirates or how to survive a sea monster attack.

Our current class reader is The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine and before half term we will be using it to write book reviews.

After half term, we will be learning stories with patterned language as the focus. We will also be writing some information texts and recounts based on our History topic; Explorers. We will also be looking at some poetry from the book 'All the Wild Wonders'.

One of the key focuses this term is to consolidate all that the children have learned about writing in Key Stage 1, ensuring that they have the best possible opportunities to find their voice as a writer.

The children are beginning to develop their confidence at including a range of conjunctions in their writing so we will continue to consolidate this learning throughout the term. They will also be given opportunities to begin including a wider range of punctuation and developing their understanding of different text types. As always, these things are taught in context so that children see these things as useful writers tools.



## Maths

Our new Maths units this term are: Measurement: height and length, Geometry: Position and direction, Mass, capacity and temperature.

Throughout the term, we will also be continuing to consolidate the children's understanding of key Year 2 curriculum content (place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions) and there will be a strong focus on problem solving and reasoning.



## Science

In Science this term we have begun a new Science unit on '**Living Things and their Habitats**'. Within this unit, we will be comparing and grouping animals as well as investigating local microhabitats. We will also be exploring how animals adapt to their habitat.

## Humanities

In Geography this term, our topic is called '**Oceans and Seas**'. We will be exploring the oceans and seas around the world. This includes investigating waves, a range of ecosystems and the layers of the ocean.

After half term, our History topic is called '**Explorers**'. During this unit, we will be researching the lives and achievements of the famous explorers; Amelia Earhart and Ernest Shackleton.



## Home Learning

Spellings and one other piece of learning will continue to be sent home each week. Please continue to read with your child and to record this in their reading records. Books will be changed throughout the week as needed.

## Specialist Teachers

The children will continue to have specialist teachers in P.E., music and Spanish.

## Art and Design/ Design and Technology

This half term the children are looking at painting cityscapes and landscapes. After half term we will be doing an exciting D&T project - The Great Year 2 Bake Off!

## Star of the Week

Every week I will be looking for outstanding examples of the school's **DARE** values and I will be giving out a Star of the Week certificate to one child in the class who has consistently demonstrated one or more of the values throughout the week.

As you can see, we have an exciting term ahead of us and I am very much looking forward to it!

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Miss Kenney

Key Stage 1 Team Leader and Year 2 Teacher

