

KS1 Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge warm welcome back to our families! We really hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and the children are ready for the new term ahead.

Our children will be embarking on a new and exciting Learning Journey for this term entitled:
Turrets and Tiaras...

Year 1-Maths

The children will be sorting, counting and ordering numbers to 20. The children will also explore and solve addition and subtraction word problems within 20 and begin to look at representing and recognising the place value of larger numbers ranging from 50 to 100. We will then move on to measuring and recording lengths, heights, weights and volumes and begin to use appropriate vocabulary whilst comparing different measurements and weights.

Year 2 –Maths

The children will be dividing numbers by 2, 5 and 10 and using and understanding mathematical language such as, grouping, sharing, odd, even and bar modelling. We will then move onto creating, making and interpreting tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. The children will measure and compare lengths using centimetres and metres. Finally, we will look at properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 1&2- English

Our focus this half term will be creating our own fact books for a knight. We will also be looking at the stories: 'The Paper Bag Princess' and 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman. These stories challenge traditional stories around princesses and question our own stereotypes of boys and girls. You can support your children at home by encouraging them to write their own stories about knights and princesses, but perhaps including a twist. Year 1 will focus on using their phonics knowledge to create their own sentences and use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Year 2 will be focusing on writing longer stories for a purpose and using conjunctions to extend their sentences.

Science: This half term the children will be learning all about the human body and our senses. They will also be learning about how to look after themselves and stay healthy. The children will build on their practical skills by asking and answering scientific questions using investigations and fair testing. We will be introducing the children to writing Scientific investigations.

Year 1&2

Homework will be handed out each week on a Friday. Please encourage your children to complete any tasks at home.

Spellings: Your child will receive weekly spellings which will include spelling patterns, rules and common exception words. Year 2 will complete weekly spelling tests. It is important that you support your child in remembering their spellings, this can be done in a fun way.

Reading: Your child will be taking home 2 reading books, one to support their decoding skills and another to share at home. It is important for adults to read stories to children to foster a love for reading. Fluency is very important when reading so please ensure that your child reads and then re-reads the book again, this will help develop their self-confidence.

Don't forget to log onto Bug Club, our online reading books.

What you can do to help:

- Ask your child 'what have you learnt today?'
- Read with your child as often as you can.
- Practice counting forwards and backwards from any given number. For example, Year 2 children can count backwards in 10's from 76. Year 1 children should practice counting backwards from 50 in 2s and 1s. Can they do this counting in 2's, 5's and 10s?
- Support your child in completing any home learning projects. Always ask: How should I help you?
- Practice handwriting on lined paper at home to support correct letter formation.

Year 1 and 2

P.E will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday for Maple class. Willow class have P.E on a Monday and Friday. If your child wears earrings, please could you ensure that they are taken out on these days (if your child can take them out independently that would be great).

Art, Design & Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be making a healthy meal to feed a knight or a princess to keep them strong. In Art we will be looking at the artist Paul Klee and creating a picture in the style of his work.

Home learning project

As part of your child's home learning project, can they make a knight's helmet or a medieval castle? Or this can be anything linked to our Learning Journey title 'Turrets & Tiaras', be as creative as you can. Please bring them into school by **Friday 6th March 2020**. We can't wait to see them all!

Year 2 SAT'S

Year 2 will begin to complete practice SAT's tests this term in class to prepare them for May. Please ensure that you are completing any homework set to support their progress. Any practice papers will be sent home for you to see how your child is getting on. Please look through these with your child and support them with any mistakes they may have made.

If you have any concerns or even positives comments, please do come and see us. We are always available at the door!

Miss Edwards and Miss Hill.