

## Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that you enjoyed the half term break. We are now half way through year 1. Below are some of the main aspects of the curriculum we will be looking at during the second half of the Spring Term. The school year is based around themes, which will be reflected in and around the classroom. Our theme this half term is Knights and Castles.

### Important dates for your diary:

23<sup>rd</sup> February PTFA Pancake Decorating Competition

15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March World Book Day

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Buzzards Class Assembly @2.45pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Spring Walk

Buzzards reading books will be changed on **Wednesdays** Library books on **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child returns their books on time each week.

This half term Buzzards PE days will be **Wednesday & Thursday**. Please ensure the children come to school in their Armfield PE kit on these days.

## In Maths

In maths this half term we will be continuing with Place Value (within 50), including multiples of 2 and 5. At home try practising counting things that come in 2s, socks, knives and forks. Count fingers on everyone's hands to practise counting in 5s. Then we will move on to numbers to 100.

## In P.E.

Gymnastics – shapes, sequences, rhythm.

Games Activities – throwing, catching, bouncing, rolling.

## In PSHE

Healthy Relationships

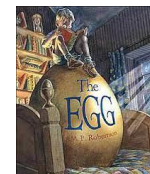
Valuing Difference

## In Literacy

Reading remains a crucial part of learning in Year 1 and daily phonics sessions will continue following the Little Wandle programme. Weekly guided reading sessions will also continue this half term in class in addition to individual reading during the week. Children will continue to receive home-school reading books and we recommend a few pages every evening at home with discussion to promote enjoyment of reading. Each week the children will also choose a library book to bring home to share.

We develop writing through our topics and will be focusing on:

- Instructions
- Fantasy story writing
- Fact files



## In Computing

In computing we will be creating pictograms to record data.

## As Musicians

Round and Round – singing and performing a Bossa Nova Latin style song.

# Knights and Castles

## Spring 2



## As Historians

As historians, the children will be looking at changes within living memory focusing specifically on the history of castles.

## In R.E.

Easter (Christianity) - We will be discovering why Jesus is special to Christians and how his welcome on Palm Sunday shows this.

## As Artists

As artists, the children will be exploring the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser and using this as inspiration for their own work.

## In Science

In science, we will be learning about 'Plants'. The children will draw, make and label the parts of plants and trees as well observing seasonal change.