

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.

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 Measurement. The children will be measuring and recording length and height, weight and volume. They will be comparing mass and exploring capacity.

In Computing

Ebook creation
Introducing the children to Ebook creation and digital publishing.

As Musicians

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

In P.E.

Gymnastics – shapes, sequences, rhythm.

Games Activities – throwing, catching, bouncing, rolling.

In Literacy

Reading remains a crucial part of learning in Year 1 and daily phonics sessions will continue following the letters and sounds programme. Weekly guided reading sessions will also continue this half term in class in addition to individual reading during the week. We recommend a few pages every evening at home with discussion to promote enjoyment of reading and also ask you to ensure your child brings their reading pack into school every day in case of timetable changes.

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

- Instructions
- Fantasy story writing
- Castle fact books



Spellings

The children will continue to bring home weekly spellings based on the sounds they are learning in phonics each week. Please support your child to practise these at home.

Knights and Castles

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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.

In PSHE

- Healthy Relationships
- Valuing Difference

As Artists

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