

KS1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our second KS1 Newsletter and to this Spring term. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back after the Christmas break and tell you all about the exciting new year ahead.

Learning this term:

Our topic this term is 'Castles and Knights'. We will be looking at different types of castles, identifying their features and the materials that were used to build them. The children will test materials and decide which would be best to build a model castle with. They will find out about the different people who lived in castles and how their use has changed over time. The children will also be learning a medieval dance in PE.

In English we have begun a new learning journey based around the book 'On Sudden Hill'. We will be learning to punctuate sentences, use conjunctions and to write in both the present and past tense. We will also be exploring explanation texts and writing our own on 'How to become a Knight'.

In Maths, Year 1 will be focussing on fractions of shapes and number, learning to tell the time and adding and subtracting. Year 2 will be mainly focussing on multiplication and division; and fractions of shapes, objects and numbers.

Reading

We are continuing with our reading challenges in each class and are encouraging a love of reading throughout the curriculum by using high quality and interesting texts.

Home reading is essential to the children's progress in reading. Please ensure you read with your children daily and sign their reading diary each time you read with them. For every five signatures your child gets they will move further up in their reading challenge so please remember to sign each time. Only signatures from adults reading with the children at home will be counted. When the children reach the end of the challenge they will be presented with a certificate.

We really welcome parental support in school so if you have a spare hour or two each week and would like to get involved in school life please speak to your child's class teacher to find out more about volunteering with us.

Attendance

Good attendance in school is very important. We have noticed an increased number of lates and unauthorised absence. On Mondays we have a competition whereby each class competes for the best attendance score. KS1 would love to win with the highest attendance. The average attendance is 96% - anything below will affect your child's progress.

PE:

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school all the time. We will send it home to be washed each half term.

Mathletics

We would still like to encourage all children to be doing Mathletics at home, where possible. Mathletics is an online maths resource and all children have a password and login to access the site (please see your child's teacher for forgotten login details). Log on at <http://uk.mathletics.com/signin/>

If you have any questions about the information provided above or would like to discuss anything further then please contact your class teacher.

Thank you,

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