

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our last term in Year 1. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break.

In Maths this half term, we will be working on sharing and grouping, revising how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and linking this to working with money. We will begin to tell the time to o'clock and half past. Later in the term, we will be reviewing shape and numbers to 20, before introducing numbers to 100.

In English, we will be reading the story George and the Dragon and then writing persuasive letters to the dragon. We will then read the fairy tale 'The Princess and the Pea' and write our own stories based on this. Finally, we will read a non fiction text about bats, looking at the features of non fiction texts.

Our History topic this term is Castles and Knights. We will be learning about different types of castles and their features, as well as what they were like in the past. We will also learn about some past and present kings and queens and any links they have to particular castles in the UK.

Later in the term we will be learning where we come from during our Geography topic. During this topic we will learn to name and locate the countries within the UK, as well as identifying characteristics of each country and its capital city.

In Science we will be investigating materials, looking at their properties and considering why certain materials are chosen for different purposes.

Year 1 will continue to have PE on Wednesday and Thursday. This term they will be learning athletics and striking and fielding games. We hope that PE lessons will be outside as much as possible, please ensure that your child arrives at school on these days wearing a suitable PE kit; black or navy shorts or joggers, white t-shirt, a pair of socks, trainers (or plimsolls that you are happy being worn outside).

Homework - Google Classroom

Please continue using Google Classroom for homework and a reminder that this is due in by Tuesday and alternates between work in their books and online.

Please access Numbots as frequently as possible to earn points for our class!

It is often useful for you to help and support your child with their homework, however please allow them to complete tasks independently if possible.

Reading Books

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of hearing your child read at home. Please try to encourage your child to read at home in order for them to make progress throughout the year. Please also remember to record any home reading in their reading record.

As you may know, the Phonic Screening Check is due to take place this term. This will be the week beginning 10th June. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Emily Drane

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