

Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1 and I hope you all had a lovely summer break! We are really excited to welcome the children back into school to begin Year 1! We have lots of exciting things planned for our topics, 'Our Wonderful World' and 'Castles and Knights'.

English

We will be reading the books:

- The Snail and the Whale - Inside the Castle
- The Rhythm of the Rain - The Knight who was scared of the dark
- Leaf Man - Knights and Dragons
- The Oak Tree - The Very Last Castle

These books will support the children in completing activities to practice writing in full sentences and begin using adjectives to describe. We will continue retelling stories, using our phonics knowledge for spelling and learning new vocabulary to develop our writing further!

Maths

We will be developing our knowledge of place value, and addition and subtraction within 10, and shapes.

Science

We will be learning about the weather and the seasonal changes that happen during Autumn.

We will be learning about different materials and their features.

Phonics

We will be continuing our phonics learning through Little Wandle.

- Consolidating our Phase 3 sounds
- Reading longer words
- Learning new tricky words
- Introducing more Phase 5 sounds and alien words

Reading

The children will continue to bring home a book they have read with an adult at school, as well as a Sharing book - please continue to read with them, as they will be able to move up the Reading Mountain!

Geography

We will be learning about the weather in the UK and how the weather changes. By learning about the weather, we will learn about different continents and oceans to understand how and why the weather is different around the world.

History

We will be learning about castles and the different castles we have in the UK. We will be looking at the different features of castles, and learn how and why castles were used in the past.

Art

The children will be exploring portraits and self-portraits through a variety of artists. We will be exploring different techniques, and colours and mediums to create portraits and self-portraits.

DT

We will be learning about free-standing structures and creating a castle for a King or Queen to live in. The children will be able to explore different materials to discover which materials are the most suitable for their project.

Music

We will be exploring a variety of instruments to create music, and begin developing our musical knowledge of rhythm, tempo and pitch.

Computing

We will be learning about the technology around us - learning to use Chromebooks, typing skills and how to use the internet safely. We will be using the technology and programmes to create digital art.

PE

We will be practicing our multi-skills (throwing, catching, rolling and receiving) and cycling.

We will be learning skills to play netball and basketball, as well as exploring dance, and practicing movements such as, jumps, turns and floor patterns.

PE days will be Monday and Thursday

RE

We will be exploring the question:

“What does it mean to belong to a faith community?”

The children will be learning about different religions in the world, and how they show they belong within their religious community.

PSHE

We will be creating rules for our classroom, and discussing how we can make our learning environment a safe and positive place for everyone. We will also be learning about families and relationships, and discussing how we can be good friends to each other.

Home Learning

The Home Learning Menus will be given to the children at the start of each term. The children are expected to complete 4 pieces of learning each half term, and put these into their Learning Logs. Learning Logs should be handed in on a Thursday if the children have completed a piece of learning, and we will mark them and return them on Friday.

Reading

The children will be bringing home their reading book on a Wednesday, and these need to be returned on the following Monday. Please continue to read with them throughout the week, as the children will have the chance to move up the Reading Mountain, and become Reader of the Week! We will be checking their reading record books to see who has read at least 4 times in a week, to give them a chance to reach the peak! Let's celebrate their incredible reading together!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE Miss Styles and Miss Hoskins	Miss Styles and Miss Hoskins	Miss Hoskins and Mrs Spokes	PE Miss Styles and Mrs Spokes	Miss Styles and Mrs Spokes

