

Spring 1 Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



English

Our learning this half term will link to our topic 'Castles and Dragons'.

For the first part of the half term the children will learn the beginning and

middle parts from the story Knights and Dragons Unite!"

The children will learn about rhyming and make their own rhyming strings which they will use to write rhyming couplets. They will use this learning to write their own ending for the story.

For the second part of the half term the children will learn the features of a non-chronological report. They will write questions and research facts about castles.

They will use this to write their own non-chronological report on castles.

Topic

This half term our topic work will link to 'Castles and Dragons'.

In history, the children will learn about castles including motte and bailey castles and medieval castles. They will learn about the features and explore the similarities and differences.

In geography, they children will learn about the four countries in the UK and identify castles within these countries.

In art and DT, they will learn about shade and tone. They will use this to support them with drawing their own dragon eyes. They will use clay to make their own dragon eyes.

As part of our fabulous finish we would like to invite all the children to come to school dressed as a knight, king, queen, prince or princess on **Thursday 15th February**. The children will have a royal banquet. We kindly ask for a £1 donation towards the cost of the banquet, which can be handed to your child's class teacher in a named envelope.

How you can help at home

Please read at home with your child daily and discuss what they have read with your child. The children will have 2 reading books. One book that is linked to their phonics learning and a library book that your child chooses. More information about your child's books can be found in the front of their reading record.

Practise spelling the year 1 common exception words.

Practise number bonds to 5 and 10

PE

PE is every **Wednesday**

The children should wear their PE kit to school. Their uniform should stay at home on this day. This half term the children will be taught gymnastics. The children will learn to use their bodies to make large body movements.

On a Wednesday the children will take part in a dance lesson. They will learn a dance routine that will be recorded and shared on social media at the end of the term.

Maths

This half term in year 1, the children will build on their understanding of numbers to 10. They will learn to count forwards and backwards to 20. They will learn about tens and ones and that 10 ones make 1 ten. The children will learn to work out 1 more and 1 less than a number to 20. They will learn to use counting on as a strategy to add two numbers together.