

Newsletter to Parents

Welcome back to the summer term!

The topic for this term is '**Knights and Castles**' and it has a historical focus; last term the children learnt about the legend of Robin Hood and it has sparked an interest in castles and crusading knights so we are continuing with the theme!! We will be continuing to learn about who lived in castles long ago and what their roles were, using different sources and thinking about the reliability and accuracy of each source.

In **English** we will use some adventure stories that link to our topic to read, retell and act out. We will then use these familiar structures to write our own stories using some of the 'story language' we have learnt. We will also be writing reports and recounts and learning about pattern and rhyme in poetry. The children will continue with their daily phonics/spelling and guided reading sessions. To support their speaking and listening skills, our 'show and tell' sessions will continue to follow a more structured format; a letter will be sent home soon with the new dates.

In **Maths** the children will continue to learn key number skills throughout the year such as reading, writing, sequencing and ordering numbers to 100 and beyond, counting, adding and subtracting, learning number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and times tables.

This term the additional main themes will be:

Division and multiplication

Time

Symmetry

Calculations involving missing numbers

Problem solving

In **Science** we will learn to understand the basic needs for growth and health in humans and we will learn about some simple life cycles. We will also be describing, sorting, identifying, naming and classifying different animals. We will look at parts of the human body and name, draw and label them. We will learn about our senses. We will also be learning how to work scientifically, asking questions, observing, testing, gathering data and identifying answers in our new 'investigation station'.

Children will continue to be taught **Games** by our Sports coach on **Thursdays**. On **Mondays** they will have a **Gymnastics** lesson in the hall. Please ensure your child's **full PE kit is in school every day and that all items are clearly named**.

They will need shorts and a t-shirt, a warm jumper or tracksuit top and outdoor trainers.

Forest sessions will continue to run in blocks on a Tuesday afternoon and we will send home a note when your child needs their kit so keep an eye on home-school diaries.

Home Learning will continue to be set every Friday. Encourage your child to use their best presentation for all Home Learning tasks (pencil not pen/biro/felt-tip please) and to hand in work on time - Monday for spelling books and Wednesday for yellow folders.

Mathletics logins are in everyone's home school diaries so please make the most of this resource.

Please remember that regular, daily reading is an essential part of home learning and really makes a difference across the curriculum.

Year one children need to keep up with their phonic knowledge so please continue to support them at home - a good online resource is 'phonics play'.

Please feel free to send in any items you think would support the children's learning this term such as books, photographs, posters, artefacts etc.

We hope you find this information useful. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential. You are welcome to come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries!

Yours sincerely,

Beech Class Team

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