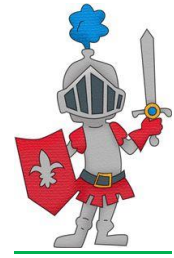




KS1 Newsletter Monday 30th October 2017



Welcome back from half term! We hope that you all had a nice, relaxing break and the children are recharged after a great first half term! Well done to Leah, Madison D and Madison B for receiving the behaviour awards.

This week we will be:

- Learning about the different ways on how to attack and defend a castle
- Writing these in factual pieces of writing
- Having a class castle battle and putting some of these ideas into practise
- Looking at the features of a factual report and writing our own from the class castle battle
- Adding by counting on, using number lines for Year 1 and learning the column method for Year 2
- Sorting and explaining the uses of different materials in science
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Performing different balances for gymnastics
- Starting to learn our songs for the KS1 Christmas production

Over the next few weeks we will be building models of our own castles. If you have any empty cereal boxes or cardboard tubes at home, please send them in with your child for this project.

Homework

Please can all the children return their homework books by the end of the week? We will be sending out a new home learning menu for children to choose their activities for this half term. Thank you for all of the feedback from the homework. It is good to receive comments on how the children have been getting on with the activities and the new format. All of these activities can still be practised alongside the new homework. These build the foundations of KS1 learning and by continuing to practise, the children will build greater fluency, which will enable them to focus on more challenging concepts. If you have any questions please come and speak to your class teacher.

Forest School

Forest School continues to be a highlight of the children's week. Children need to come in their school uniform, with their Forest School kit in a large bag. Please ensure that they are sent with both warm and waterproof layers. We recommend one of the supermarket's bags for life, as the children can unpack and pack these bags more easily. They will then get changed into their Forest School kit later in the day, ready for their session.

Mr Williams' Forest School session will be on Monday afternoon, Miss Atkins' on Tuesday afternoon and Miss Barby's on Thursday afternoon.

Book Bags and Reading

It is wonderful to see the children developing their reading skills and gaining fluency. Their reading records are looked at as much as possible and should be updated every time the children read at home. Children are reminded to change their books in the mornings. Please remind your child whether they need to change their book in the morning, to help them become more independent with managing their school equipment.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 5th November- Bonfire Night

Tuesday 12th December- KS1 Christmas Play

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

The KS1 team