

Year One Spring Term



Year 1 Class Newsletter. Spring Term 1 2018

Happy New Year ! Yet again Year One have amazed us with their settled return to school after the Christmas Break. We have certainly hit the ground running with lots of changes to our classroom routines. Attitudes to both their behaviour and learning have been outstanding and we are looking forward to another exciting and successful term.

Mrs Wilkinson and



Areas of Learning

The main theme for our learning this term will be **Castles** and many of our activities will be linked to this topic.

In **English** we will be learning some traditional tales involving dragons and knights, princes and princesses and of course a wicked witch or two. Our main texts will be Rapunzel, George and the Dragon, The Paper Bag Princess and The Frog Prince.

In **Art and DT**, Ms Newell, will be teaching cutting and folding skills when making model castles and towers and will explore patterns and shapes to make dragon's eyes and eggs !

There will be lots of **History** to enjoy this term looking at Castle life and exploring the timeline of famous Kings and Queens. During this term we are hoping to have a medieval feast and visit Alnwick Castle!

In **Maths** we will be using rulers and classroom objects to measure towers and ladders .

In **Science** we will be investigating materials and discovering the best materials to build a castle with. We will be testing paper to find out which paper will make the strongest bag and we will be learning about the life cycles of frogs.

Reading

There are lots of opportunities to read in Year One and we expect children to read daily with an adult at home.

This could be :

- Your child's school reader
- Class library book
- Bug Club book
- A book of their own

Please make sure that reading at home is recorded in the yellow reading diary. School reading book and diary should be returned to school EVERY day for our morning reading session.

CLASS LIBRARY will be open every Friday from 8.30 – 8.45 with a range of books to support our topic work.

Remember

- **PE kits** – PE kits should be in school EVERY DAY. They can be taken home at the end of half term for washing.
- Children do need outdoor kit – Black / Navy hoodie and track pants – as we will continue to go out for PE in the winter months if at all possible.
- No ear rings/ jewellery or nail varnish to be worn at school please.
- Children must be collected at 3.15 by a named adult. Please ensure these details are updated on the list held in the year 1 Classroom.
- **Please return any consent slips for visits promptly to assist with the arrangements.**

Thank you for your continued support. Any queries or problems, please do not hesitate to speak to us at drop off or collection. If you would prefer a longer chat please contact the office and we will arrange a convenient time to meet.