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Spring 2 Newsletter - Information for Parents

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Class 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely half term break.

Our topic this term is Dungeons and Dragons and as part of this exciting topic we shall be learning about Castles. We will begin our topic by finding out about castles that are local to us in North Yorkshire. We shall look at castle timelines and features of castles. Children will find out about life and jobs in a medieval castle. We hope to visit a local castle later in the term too!



In Art we will examine the painting *Castle in the Sun* by Paul Klee, then recreate the image using crayons and watercolours etc.

Our Science topic is Seasonal Changes. Here we shall observe changes across the 4 seasons. We will observe and describe the weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies. We will make graphs and also look at weather around the world.

In English we will be focusing on Traditional Tales. We will talk about how these stories have been enjoyed for many years and passed down through the generations. We will be looking at the story language and structure of these stories and we will be using adjectives to describe the different characters and settings. The children will then plan and write their own Traditional Tale. The Reception children will be joining in with our work on Traditional Tales and will be acting out the stories and using their phonics knowledge to write about the different characters. They will continue with their phonics programme and new sounds and tricky words will be added to their sound books for practise at home.

In Maths we will begin with place value work before moving onto measurement. They will use number lines and Base Ten to help them calculate. The children will learn how to measure length, height, mass, volume and time through lots of practical activities. During our mental arithmetic sessions, we will also be focusing on learning our times tables.



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In RE, the children will investigate the topic; 'How should we care for others and the world, and why should it matter?' The children will study Bible stories and the lives of believers, such as Dr Barnado and Mother Theresa. We will then be studying the Easter story towards the end of term.

Our PE lessons continue to be on Tuesday mornings. Depending on the weather and activity, the sessions will take place either in our school hall or outside on the playground / school field. Please ensure that your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school which is clearly labelled with their name.

Forest School

This term the children will once again be taking part in Forest School sessions on Thursday afternoons, commencing on 27th February with Mr Houghton. The sessions will be held in all weathers on the school field, so please ensure that your child has suitable warm outdoor clothing including wellington boots as it is likely to be muddy. (We will provide waterproofs).

Homework Please continue to support your child at home with reading and spelling practise; it really makes a huge difference! Please let us know how your child gets on with their reading in their reading record. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please can all children have a pair of wellies and a coat in school at all times; unfortunately we cannot allow children on the grass or in the mud kitchen in our outdoor area this time of year without wellies - it's very muddy! As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss about your child then please feel free to call in and speak to a member of the Class 1 team.

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