



Year One Newsletter: Summer 2021

We hope you've had a lovely Easter break.

Here are a few notes about this term to help you understand what we are learning about and to give some extra information and useful reminders.

Our topic this term is 'Castles', we will be learning about castles, dragons, knights, kings and queens.

Further details of our curriculum can be found on the school website.

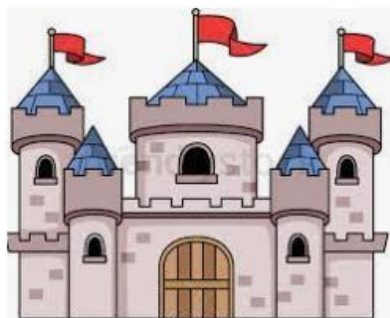
Please feel free to contact us with any queries or suggestions.

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Our Learning Theme



Castles

Important Dates:

Parent Consultations - 27th & 28th April

Royal Banquet – Wednesday 19th May

Class photographs – Thursday 20th May

Ideally we would like to arrange a visit to Hirst Woods and Skipton Castle but due to current Covid restrictions this is not permitted. Should this change we will let you know as soon as possible.

Homework

We realise how hard children have worked at home during lockdown and the pressures this has put on family life. Thank you for all your hard work with this.

Our homework focus for the summer term will be **reading**. Please make sure that you listen to your child read their reading book **several** times during the week.

Each child will change their reading book each week. Please continue to sign the reading record. We are looking for those star readers (read at least 5 times a week).

Children will continue to read with an adult in school three times a week in guided reading sessions.

We may send individual work home suited for your child if we feel they would benefit from more practise e.g. graphemes to learn, certain letter formations, number bonds to learn etc.

Reading for Pleasure



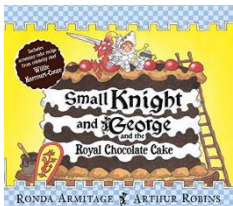
Please continue to read story books to your children - even as your children learn to read themselves. Being read to and discussing stories really develops a love of reading. There are some fantastic ebooks out there. Try this one.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/the-dragon-machine/>

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Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>Text: <i>The Queen's Knickers</i></p> <p>Zog</p> <p><i>The Small Knight & George & the Royal Chocolate Cake</i></p>  <p>We will be writing letters and instructions. We will be remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in sentences.</p>	<p>In maths we are learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.</p> <p>We will be learning doubles.</p> <p>We will be making equal groups and adding equal groups.</p> <p>We will be looking at fractions by finding halves and quarters.</p>	<p>In science we are observing seasonal changes. We will be looking at plants and flowers. We will be identifying different parts of the plant and different types of flowers and trees.</p>
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing
<p>As part of our topic work around castles we will be learning about famous kings and queens. In particular, we will be learning about Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II.</p>	<p>We will be designing and making our own shields. In DT we will be looking at wheels & axels and making our own catapults and cannons.</p>	<p>We are going to be programming toys with instructions linking with our work in English.</p>
Other:		Year One Team
<p>RE: In RE we are learning about Judaism and what the Shabbat is.</p> <p>PSHE: In Personal, Social & Health Education we are learning about Rights & Responsibilities including ways to look after money and basic first aid. Towards the end of term we are moving on to look at healthy eating.</p> <p>Music: In music we are listening to imaginative songs and appraising them.</p> <p>PE: We will be mastering bat & ball games in PE and learning some invasion games.</p> <p>PE Days Wednesday – indoor Friday - outdoor Please ensure your child attends school in a full PE kit (school colours) for those days including velcro trainers for outdoor PE.</p>		<p>Mrs Harrison- Donaldson Class Teacher Mrs Abbott- Rosen Class teacher Miss Toner- Rosen Class Teacher Mrs Morgan- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Miss Smith- Teaching Assistant Miss Clarke- Apprentice Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Students Miss Brooke</p>