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Whiteknights Primary School

Growing Greatness



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We have had a fantastic start to the term, with the children enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: Knights and Castles. Please find overleaf information on our topic, as well as an overview of each subject.

The Year 1 team consists of many talented members of staff who are looking forward to helping your child succeed to their full potential. The team includes the following members of staff:

Jade Class

- Miss Mulford (Class Teacher);
- Mrs Hancock and Mrs Kaur (TAs)

Amber Class

- Mrs Gibby (Class Teacher);
- Mrs Tankala and Mrs Wynn (TAs).

Reading

This week, your child has brought home their reading folder. This folder must stay in their book bags and be brought to school every day. Please encourage your child to look after the books and respect the folder. If a reading book is damaged or lost you may be asked to pay for a replacement. Included in this folder, there will be a green exercise book which is their reading record. Please record in this book daily when you have listened to your child read. Please record the title, the pages read and any additional comments about their reading that you may wish to write. They will have three reading books. One is a Read Write Inc. Book Bag Book that the adults at school will change every third or fifth school day depending on their colour. The other is a copy of the RWI book that the children have been reading in school during their phonics lessons. Finally, the children will be given the opportunity every morning to change their free choice book themselves and this will be their responsibility to change.

Home Learning

In addition to reading with your child daily, we ask you to support them with both their maths home learning and spellings.

Maths

The children will be given a Maths Practice Journal which is full of questions linked to what the children are learning about in class. They will be asked to complete a few questions per week and it will be due every Tuesday. Information about what pages the children need to complete and when will be shown in the newsletter and also displayed on the doors of the classroom.



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Spellings

Every Tuesday, we will hand out a list of spellings for your child to learn. These spellings are linked to our English work and support them to write with confidence. If you can, please ensure they are frequently practised at home so that your child feels confident when they complete their spelling test the following Tuesday. The spelling test will be completed and marked in the yellow book sent home in your child's reading folder.

PE

Year 1 pupils will be having Outdoor PE on Mondays and Indoor PE on Thursdays. Children will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and it is brought back for the next PE lesson. For Outdoor PE, it is recommended that trainers are worn.

Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly named. This includes; all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

Topic

Every half term, we will ask the children to create something for that half term's topic. This half term our topic is Knights and Castles. Please support your child with creating something to bring into school. This may be a picture, a model, research, recount of a visit, photographs or a piece of writing. Where possible, art and models to be no larger than a shoe box. It is up to your child what they create, please let them be imaginative. Please send it into school when completed, (by Friday 18 th October), with their name on, so we can share them with the class and put them on display.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Mulford and Mrs Gibby
Year 1 Teachers