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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

- Mrs Lewis(Class Teacher);
- Miss Clarke and Mrs Kaur (TAs)

Amber Class

- Miss Teale (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 Reading Record book. 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.



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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.

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.

Indoor PE: Black shorts and school PE top

Outdoor PE: as above, trainers and plain black tracksuit may be worn in colder weather.

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 17th 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,

Mrs Lewis and Miss Teale

Year 1 Teachers



Year Group –1

Term - Autumn 1

English— Read, Write, Inc. will be the focus of a literacy hour every morning; developing phonetic ability, reading and writing. We will also be ensuring writing is developed further through our Talk for writing lessons. This will include learning about spelling, punctuation and grammar and creative writing.

Maths—in Year 1, we will be using a scheme called White Rose maths to teach the children. We will be learning about place value and numbers within 10, addition and subtraction, number bonds and Part Part Whole.

Computing— the children will learn how to program a toy to move around a map. They will use the buttons to input routes to navigate to different locations.

Geography- not taught this term.

Topic:
Knights and Castles

Music - understanding what a beat is and use Boomwhackers to represent the beat of a song.

History— we will discover what history is. We will be learning about Castles and Knights. We will look at features of a castle and the role of a knight. We will discover what it was like to live in a castle.

Art— In art the children will be learning about the patterns and textures found in a castle and how to draw castles using these.

Science— the children will be learning about everyday materials. We will name different materials and investigate their properties. We will be investigating what the best material for a knight's armour will be .

DT— Not taught this term.

Indoor PE— developing agility, balance and co-ordination.

Outdoor PE— Ball skills— throwing, receiving and travelling with balls.

RE - Christianity— We are learning to re-tell the Christian Creation story and to explore how this influences how Christians behave towards nature and the environment.

Connect (PSHE) - This term we will be introducing the Connect scheme and language used. We will continue to apply the Golden Rules in Year 1

Topic Projects

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Due date: Friday 17th October

Websites Worth Visiting

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/read-write-inc-programmes/phonics/>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>