


Year 1 Newsletter Spring Term 2017

<p>Our new theme is called ‘Turrets and Tiaras’. We will be looking at a range of Fairy Tales and Traditional Tales. If you have any contributions for the classroom that we can borrow please let us know. For show and tell this term we would like children to only bring in things related to our topic.</p> <p>This learning map links to the national expectations of the New Year 1 Curriculum. We understand that some children are working above and below this level and will be provided with appropriate learning and support accordingly.</p>	<p>Maths: Number- The children will continue to: count and recognise numbers to 100, find one more and one less, add and subtract 1- digit numbers from 2-digit numbers using appropriate symbols. We will be applying these skills to solve word problems. They will continue to look at the place value of numbers and count in sequences of 2, 5 and 10. We will also be recognising odd and even numbers.</p> <p>Children will practise quick recall of number facts from 0 to 20 and double numbers from 1-6. Children will start to count by grouping into 10s and 5s.</p> <p>Shape and space- Children will find ½ and ¼ of shapes, order and name the days of the week and months of the year.</p> <p>Please continue to support your child’s Math’s learning through Abacus games which are uploaded every week onto ActiveLearn.</p>	<p>English Our main focus will be reading and writing traditional tales and fairy tales. The children will be using drama and role play to perform these stories and retell them in their own words. The children will learn about the typical features of a fairy tale and will be encouraged to use fairy tale style language in their own writing. We will encourage the children to write their own version of a traditional tale.</p> <p>They will continue to put ideas into sentences, using full stops, capital letters and question marks. Some children will be encouraged to use commas and exclamation marks.</p> <p>The children will also be encouraged to try to use more adventurous vocabulary in their writing, as well as using joining words.</p> <p>In phonics sessions, the children will be improving their knowledge of letters and sounds and they will be taught how to apply these skills in their reading and writing. We will also be looking at reading both real and nonsense words.</p> <p>Spellings The children will continue to have a spelling test every Friday. Please practise these with your child every day and eventually start using the words in sentences. It is important that they start to apply them into their writing. We will be looking at some prefixes and suffixes in class.</p> <p>Please look out for challenge words which will be added to the spelling list; however these challenge words are optional for your child to learn. These challenge words will be linked to our topic.</p> <p>Reading books Reading books continue to be changed when your child has read with an adult and their diary has been signed at home. It is still important that your children are reading a range of genres at home including stories, non-fiction and poetry. Keep encouraging your child to talk about the books they have read to help secure their understanding. There are a range of quizzes on Bug Club (ActiveLearn) that can help with this.</p>
<p>D and T and Art D and T- Year 1 will be designing, making and evaluating a Fairytale puppet.</p> <p>Art- The children will be learning the skills needed to make observational drawings.</p> <p>P.E Year 1 have two PE sessions a week: Chaffinches- Thursday and Friday. Woodpeckers- Wednesday and Thursday.</p> <p>This term, we will be focusing on cognitive skills alongside both static and dynamic balance. The children will be learning to balance both on the ground and on equipment. And for the last term, our focus will be on creative skills as well as ball skills and counter balance.</p> <p>Music The children will be exploring these themes: story time, machines and pattern and weather and seasons. Through these themes they will explore sound, beat and pitch (including notation).</p>		<p>R.E We are studying 3 themes this term in R.E:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it like to live as a Jew? • Noah • Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians? <p>Science Children will be naming Common and Wild garden plants and they will also be naming parts of a plant.</p> <p>We will be starting our new topic of seasons and observing changes in the weather and the environment across the four seasons.</p> <p>ICT Year 1 will be creating an interactive scene from a fairy tale story using J2e. We will also be starting to look at algorithms by understanding instructions and directions. We will be turning our fictional fairy tale maps into animated versions using turtle.</p> <p>PSHE Our new topics are ‘Dream and Goals’ and ‘Healthy Me.’</p> <p>Within ‘Dream and Goals’ the children will be learning to set a goal and working out how to achieve it, as well as looking at tackling new challenges and understanding that this may stretch their learning.</p> <p>The topic of ‘Healthy Me’ looks into ways of keeping ourselves both healthy and clean. We will also be learning about how to use medicines safely and understanding that medicines help us when we feel poorly.</p>
<p>Geography Year 1 will continue to explore people and places through our Geography News Book; there have been some fantastic stories so far! If your child has been given the Geography News Book, please make sure you read the instructions page at the front of the book. This will guide you with your research.</p> <p>History We will be looking at historical places in their locality by studying the history of castles in Britain. The children will be looking at the features of a castle, the variety of people who lived there and why castles were built.</p>		