



Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday, creating special memories with your family and friends. We are really excited about all the things we have planned for the new Spring term. We are hopeful that as the weather gets warmer we have more opportunities to learn outside.

Our new topic is called '**A Knights Tale**' and the children will be learning all about castles, dragons, knights & princesses.

English

In English much of our learning will be focused on information books about castles and stories with tales of knights, dragons and princesses. The genres we will cover are:

- Non-chronological report writing about castles
- Enjoying stories involving knights, dragons and princesses
- Planning and creating our own stories.

Children will continue their weekly spelling lesson at the beginning of the week and new spellings will continue to be sent home on a Tuesday for testing the following Monday. We are also going to be introducing a Friday comprehension lesson to help children develop their reading and comprehension skills.

Maths

In Maths children will be focusing on multiplication and division. The content they will cover is to:

- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs
- show that multiplication of 2 numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of 1 number by another cannot
- solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts

PE

PE remains on a Monday and Thursday, please ensure that your child has their named indoor and outdoor PE kit from the beginning of each term. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed.

PE bags should include **ALL** the following items:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain dark blue shorts
- Black indoor pumps (Indoor PE)
- Trainers (Outdoor PE)
- Plain **navy** tracksuit

Unfortunately we have a number of children who still do not have their full PE kit in school which means they are not able to fully participate in lessons and also means that we cannot always go outside.

Homework

Children will continue to be given maths and English homework on a Friday and will have until the following Wednesday to complete it. Children must hand in their homework by the following Wednesday to allow enough time for marking. Please help to remind your child to hand in their homework in the homework box.

Some children are still struggling to form their letters correctly. It would be helpful if you can encourage your child to use pre cursive/cursive handwriting style when completing their homework.

Reading at home

Please record in your child's reading record each time they read at home. It is important that **you** read with your child **every day** for at least 10 minutes. Children who are read with regularly at home make much better progress with their reading, writing and spelling. In school your child will continue with the main reading scheme and we will listen to your child read at least once a week. In addition to this they will also take part in regular guided reading activities in class to develop their reading comprehension skills.

This week we are launching a class incentive to encourage children to read more regularly at home. Every time they read at home and it is recorded in their reading record, their name will be put in a prize draw and each Friday a winner will be picked!

Spellodrome

Please support your child's spelling practice at home by helping them to access their Spellodrome account. This is a fantastic resource which we are very lucky to have. Each Friday we check class scores and celebrate those children who have been earning points. If you have misplaced your username and password please let us know.

Independence

Please help your child to be more independent by encouraging them to:

- Come into the cloakroom by themselves (unless you need to speak to the Class Teacher or check PE kit)
- Put their finished reading books in the 'change me' box
- Put their homework in the homework box by Wednesday
- Hand in their spelling books on Monday
- Fasten their own coats and shoes laces!

Thank you for your continued support

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