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Pathway to Excellence
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 1






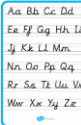
Topic: Castles and Dragons



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Welcome back to Class 1!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our topic this term is 'Castles and Dragons' We are going to be learning all about the history and design of castles and their locations in the country.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly schedules:</p> <p>PE is on a Monday and a Friday. The children will need to come dressed for PE sessions in suitable clothing for the weather.</p> <p>Library will be on a Tuesday.</p> <p>Golden Time and Show and Tell is on a Friday.</p> <p>Reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please bring in reading folders everyday.</p>
<p>English</p> <p>We will learn about the Story of George and the Dragon after we have used our reading skills of retrieving, predicting, sequencing, inferencing and awareness of vocabulary exploring the famous painting in the National Gallery.</p>  <p>Our key texts in English this term are 'Dare to care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson and 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. We will also read other books linked to our topic including 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. This term we will be continuing to develop our use of interesting and exciting vocabulary. We will be working on writing in complete sentences to describe characters and settings. We will be exploring using adverbs and adjectives to make our writing more exciting and using 'and' to link ideas and to extend our sentences.</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>This half term we will be focusing on using 2-digit numbers in different ways, including for measuring length. We will then move on to understanding money, including unitising and coin recognition. We will use money to put our understanding of place value into practice.</p> <p>We will also be looking at informal measurements and starting to investigate formal measures.</p> <p>We will continue to develop our fluency and reasoning skills in all areas of maths.</p>
<p>Phonics</p>  <p>In year 1, we continue with the daily phonics lesson that the children began in reception, using the ELS phonics scheme.</p> <p>This half term we will be revising and consolidating our knowledge of graphemes from across all phases and extending our work on blending.</p>	<p>Humanities</p> <p>We will find out about different castles. This is a photograph of the ruins of Berkhamsted Castle (a motte and bailey) that you might like to visit. If you have visited any castles we would love to see photos so please send them in! We will be exploring the structure of a motte and bailey castle, the roles inside a castle and the types of people who lived there. We are also going to be learning about features of a castle. This term we will also learn about the Battle of Hastings and historical kings and queens.</p> 



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<p>Art/DT</p> <p>This term we will be using a variety of different materials to explore gargoyles and to sculpt our own clay.</p>  <p>of using</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>This term our focus will be 'Plants'.</p> <p>We will be developing our ability to observe closely using simple equipment and conducting simple tests. We will also identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants; as well as identifying and naming a variety of wild and garden plants.</p> 
<p>Computing</p>  <p>This term we will be working on coding. We will be using block coding programs to create simple algorithms for a purpose. We will also be exploring health and wellbeing in our online safety sessions.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>Our theme for this term is 'Economic Wellbeing'. We will be exploring what money is and how it helps us as well as how we can make good choices with money.</p> 
<p>Music</p> <p>We will be focusing on musical vocabulary using the theme of 'Under the Sea' this half term.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>This term we will be exploring the Jewish celebration 'Shabbat'. We will discuss what this means to a Jew and explore traditions and celebrations around Shabbat.</p> 
<p>PE</p> <p>In PE we will be continuing our work on Dance, focusing on working together to create a synchronised piece and beginning to explore moving in cannon.</p>	<p>Handwriting</p> <p>This half term, we will be focusing on embedding the pre-cursive letter formation that we have learned.</p> 
<p>How you can support your child at home?</p> <p>Reading: Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably 15 minutes every day. This does not always have to be their reading book though. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience where they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing. We will change books weekly on a Monday. Unfortunately, if a book is not returned, your child will not receive a new one. Please write in their reading record when they have read so we know we can change the book. More information can be found in the Reading Record.</p> <p>Maths: Numbots is a great way for children to practise their addition and subtraction skills with a focus on number bonds. Your child's log in information can be found in their reading record book.</p>	





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Important Dates

Tuesday 5th May Class Photos

Show and Tell Timetable

17/4/26 – Mentmore

24/4/26 – Ascott

1/5/26 – Claydon

8/5/26 – Hartwell

15/5/26 – Mentmore

22/5/26 – Ascott

Uniform

Just a reminder following the uniform update, it is important we foster a sense of belonging and pride within our school community. Children need to be in the correct uniform as per the policy that has been sent out. If your child doesn't have the correct uniform, they will be given something from the 'spare uniform box'. I kindly ask that all uniform is labelled so we can return any missing items to the correct child. Thank you for your understanding and support.