



Key Stage 1 Newsletter



Autumn Term One 2019

We hope you have had an exciting and relaxing summer break! Our topic for this half term will be **Castles, Knights and Dragons**. There will, of course, be the usual Literacy and Numeracy activities, plus we going on our school trip to Conisbrough Castle.



Topic

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Our history topic is linked to the **castles** work the children will start during our trip to Conisbrough. They will learn about castles in the past, why they were built and why they are important. This will link with our science work on materials as the children will explore what materials are and then decide on the best material for making their own catapult. Art lessons will give the children opportunities to try out different sketching techniques when drawing castles and dragons. In RE the focus will be on Christianity.



Diary Dates

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Wednesday 11th September - Conisbrough Castle trip for Puma and Kangaroo Class. The Book People Book Fair will also be in school at the end of September so look out for the flyer.



Homework

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Children will continue to take home a reading book and we encourage the children to read at least three times a week at home. Topic homework will be sent home in the form of a homework booklet detailing various tasks the children can do throughout the course of the half term. Maths homework will be a worksheet and sent home weekly. The children will also receive a list of spellings to learn each week that follow a spelling rule or pattern. In the spelling test they will be tested on spelling words containing that specific rule or pattern.

Year 2 children all have a log on for Times Table Rockstars so please continue to use this at home.



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Literacy

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We will start the term off with writing instructions on how to trap a dragon before moving onto writing a recount about our trip to Conisbrough Castle.

The next few weeks of the half term will be spent looking at books about dragons and writing descriptions focusing on punctuation, adjectives and letter formation.



Phonics and spelling will continue to be taught daily. The children will have a weekly grammar lesson and a specific reading comprehension session. Guided Reading will be taught as a whole class and when your child has done guided reading this will be noted in their planner.



Numeracy

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Numeracy this half term will focus on place value, counting on and back to 20 for Year 1 and 100 for Year 2 and finding one more and less than a given number. The children will learn to write number names and organise numbers into tens and ones. There will be lots of opportunities for exploring numbers! We will be starting timestables rockstars and Year 2 can continue to use their log ons at home.



PE

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The children will do PE each week. Please remember that for health and safety reasons children must be able to remove their own earrings for PE or if it is easier not wear them on PE days. PE kit is black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. We ask that PE kit is brought to school on **Monday and taken home on Friday** as this ensures kit is always in school.



Additional Information

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We are always happy to speak to you about any issues you have. Please talk to us if there are any problems so we can sort things out together. We would recommend that you catch us after school as before school can be a busy time for everyone. If your child's class teacher is unavailable and it is urgent, then please speak to Mrs Milner, the Key Stage Leader.

Yours,

- The Key Stage 1 Team