

# Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Below is some information about our learning this term. Our new topic is Myths and Legends – Are Dragons Real?

We are really looking forward to going on two trips this term, firstly to Exmoor Zoo to support our Science topic; and secondly to Dunster Castle to learn about life in the past. If you have any ideas or can help us with fundraising or listening to children read, please come in and see us.

Many thanks,

The Year 1 team.

## English

Over the next few weeks we are learning about creating our own stories using the book “The Woods”. We will be creating our own journey sticks to help us understand the setting of a wood. After our visit to the Zoo we will be writing our own Animal Fact File, with a focus on writing non-fiction texts.

Please continue to support your child with their spelling by using the website for support. This term we will be preparing for the phonics screening. To prepare your child please continue doing lots of segmenting and blending when helping them read.

## PE

The children will continue to have PE with Sporting World on Tuesday afternoons, starting with Gymnastics for the first half term. We will also be swimming this term every Wednesday. Other PE will continue with movement, throwing and catching and game skills. Please make sure the children have a complete and named PE kit in school every day.

## Humanities

In History we will be learning about life in a castle. For Geography we will be looking at and making simple maps. In RE we will be learning about “What’s important to me and other faiths?”.

## DT and the Arts

We will be making shields for the Knights and Princesses parade, taking place at the Easter Fayre. We will also be making journey sticks to help us learn stories in English.

## Science

For the first half of term we will be learning about humans and other animals. We will be exploring similarities and differences and using these to classify animals.

After half term, we will focus on materials and their properties.

## Maths

We will continue to develop our counting skills, counting in steps of two and ten. We will also start to explore some simple multiplication and division using tens and twos. Children will also look at the links between their number bonds to ten and bonds to other multiples of ten. We will solve addition and subtraction problems and apply our counting skills to measuring. We continue to do as much of this as possible through problem solving and practical activities. Please continue to support your child’s maths at home by doing lots of counting forwards and backwards and practising number bonds.

## Homework

Please try to read with your child for a few minutes each day. Children will have a follow-up task in their reading diary each week to support their learning. Please help them complete this.