



I hope you have all enjoyed your half term break. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities coming up in the next few weeks prior to Easter. Here is a brief overview of what we will be covering this half term.

### **English**

We are currently reviewing what we did during the half term break and writing about the activities we got up to. Following this, we will explore the season of Spring, and the start of new life through a variety of texts that are centred around young animals such as 'Baby Owls'.

All this will be going on alongside our Read Write Inc. phonics and handwriting. We are focussing on good letter formation and correct sizing of letters. Your support with this is appreciated and home jotters will continue to be sent home weekly as well as reading/library books.

### **Maths**

This half term, we will be introducing the topic of measurement. This will include measuring the length and height of objects using rulers and other measuring apparatus. We will also explore mass and volume. Class one will get hands on with weighing scales and measuring different objects.

IXL will be updated regularly to follow our progress through maths curriculum and your support with this at home is extremely valuable.

### **Topic**

The battle of Hastings is our topic this half term. We are debating who is the rightful successor to Edward the Confessor and what makes a good king. We will look at different claims to the throne and decide who we think is deserving of it, before exploring the history further. We will learn about the battles of Stamford Bridge and Hastings and explore the reasons for the result and its implications.

### **Science and Computing**

In Science, we will be continuing our work on materials, classifying them into groups according to their properties. We will be looking closely at describing different materials accurately.

Throughout this term in Computing, we will look at Maze Building, using our 'BeeBots' and using direction keys to move objects.

### **PHSE and RE**

During our RE time we will continue exploring the question 'Why do we care?'. We will discuss how we care for each other and how small actions can make a big difference to those around us. Class 1 will be recapping on kindness, while looking at valuing difference. They will learn that accepting difference, be it in people or events, is positive and can lead to new experiences.

### **PE**

We will continue to develop our football skills in year one as well as trying our hands at golf!

Your child will need a fully-labelled PE kit, including correct footwear in school in order to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up in PE.

### **Important Dates this half term:**

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

21<sup>st</sup> March – Family sharing – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

8<sup>th</sup> April – Open learning day from 2pm



Here are a just a few ways in which you can aid your child’s learning at home and additional information to help you;

- Please continue sharing stories with your child and if possible listening to your child read every evening.
- Please could your child practise writing both his/her forename and surname.
- Please could you support your child in recognising and practising forming numbers to 100.
- Could you also please support your child in correctly forming each letter of the alphabet.
- P.E. kits will be needed on both a Tuesday and a Friday. Please leave a P.E. kit in school with your child for the whole of each half term. They can store them in their lockers. Please note- P.E. may take place on other days also.
- Library books will be changed on a Wednesday and reading books throughout the week.
- Homework will be sent home on a Friday; usually consisting of a number of spellings to learn in a spelling book or through spelling shed and a Maths activity (either Schofield and Simms or an IXL online activity). We recommend spending around an hour a week on homework and be sure to keep listening to your children read.

We all hope your child continues to enjoy Year 1. Please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. The children have had a brilliant first week back and we hope they will continue their fantastic effort and hard work.

Mr Hobson, Miss Watkins and the Year 1 Team!

New Vocabulary

throne	battle	north	south
Viking	Norman	Stamford Bridge	Hastings