

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Trip to Houghton Tower

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

End of term

Please feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions or book an appointment to see me after school.

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With best wishes,

Mrs Obertelli and the Year 1 team

# Year 1

Our topic is

# Castles



Spring Term 1 2018

## Class News

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and a big thank you for all of our cards and gifts.

We have a short half term leading up to the holidays with lots to fit in. Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and weekly spellings will continue. An overview of the spellings for this half term has been sent home with this booklet and the yellow spelling books will continue to be sent home each Wednesday along with blue homework folder. Throughout this half term we will be focussing on the children's independence. They will start to take their own reading books out of their bags, ready for them to be changed. They will also hand in their spellings and homework each Monday. Independence is an important skill for the children to develop throughout their time in Year 1.

### Castles

This half term our topic is castles. We will be looking at the history of castles and how they have developed through time. We will also look at the different features of a castle. After this we will think about what life would have been like inside a castle and the roles of the people who lived there. We will create our own individual coat of arms, a castle silhouette and have an exciting day trip to Houghton Tower.

During this half term will be constructing our own class castle. If you have any boxes (big or small) or tubes, please send them in. A couple per child would be brilliant.

### English

This half term our main unit in English will be traditional tales. We will be looking at the features of a traditional tale and how these can be incorporated to create our own traditional tale. We will also spend time learning about recounts. The main focus throughout these units is to remind children the importance of capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops. A key objective for Year 1 is that they can say, and hold in memory whilst writing, simple sentences that make sense. We encourage the children to think of their sentence, say it out loud, write it down and then check what they have written.

### Reading

Reading books will continue to be changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If a book is not yet finished it will be changed the next book changing day. The children will read individually to an adult once a week and they will also participate in a guided reading session. Please try to read each day with your children and write this into their reading record, along with any comments about how they are finding it, etc. The Bug Club accounts are still available for the children. Books have been allocated and I will send usernames and passwords home this week.

### Maths

Maths this half term will focus on number bonds, missing number addition and subtraction, money and time. We will also look at how we can use these methods when solving problems.

### Science

Our new topic is everyday materials. We will cover this topic for the whole Spring term. Children will be able to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made and identify and name a variety of everyday materials. We will then look at the properties of these materials and compare them.

### R.E.

In R.E. we will be thinking about why Jesus was special and what a Baptism is.

### P.E.

Our focus in P.E. will be on athletics. The children will be given the opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills and a range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination.

### Music

Using the Music Express Scheme, we will focus on use of voice, playing instruments, listening to live and recorded music, as well as experimenting, creating, selecting and combining sounds.