



KS1 NEWSLETTER

3/09/19



Welcome Back,

We hope that you have had a great Summer break and are looking forward to the Autumn Term. Hopefully, this newsletter will inform/remind you of class routines within KS1 and give you an insight into what your child will be doing this half term, so when you ask them what they've been doing in school today, you know what 'nothing much' or 'I can't remember' really means.

If you have any questions or queries, please come in to see us either first thing in the morning or after school. We are available most days.

This week we will be starting our topic called 'Castles and Dragons'.

The children will be developing their literacy and numeracy skills by engaging in a number of projects related to their topic work. These will include writing fantasy stories, reports, letters, poetry and recounts. In numeracy, the children will learn how to solve a range of problems involving number, shape, space and measure.



The children will also develop their mathematical skills whilst learning about computing within their ICT lessons. They will learn how to input information and programme a range of toys and computer games to make different things happen. They will also be learning how to stay safe online.

In geography, the children will learn how to read maps and create maps of their classrooms and school. They will use their map reading skills to engage in a variety of orienteering exercises, such as finding hidden 'dragons eggs' in the playground whilst escaping from the 'scary dragon'!

In history, the children will learn about the Normans and what life was like during medieval times. They will experience some of this life themselves during their trip to Bolsover Castle by engaging in various role play activities.

In art, the children will be developing their modelling skills whilst making clay coil pots, wall plaques and dragons. They will also design and make their own castle with working drawbridge later this term so please could you save any large boxes if you have any at home.

In science, the children will learn about the properties of different materials by investigating why certain materials are suitable for different purposes, particularly during castle building.

The children will develop their balance, throwing and catching skills during their .P.E. lessons, as well as learning dances related to their topic work.

The children will also learn to sing and play a range of songs during their music lessons ready for our Harvest Festival assembly on Friday 11th October. We hope that you will be able to come and join us!

Morning Routines

If possible, please could you bring your child into class in a morning and stay with them for 5 – 10 minutes while they change their reading book, practise their handwriting and their spellings. We encourage the children to form their letters in a cursive script starting from the bottom left of the loop as this makes it much easier for them to start joining their letters together when they are ready.

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Snack Contribution

We are asking for a contribution of £1 per term this year for your child's morning snack. Please could you give your donation to your child's class teacher at the beginning of each term.

Hometime

REMINDER – KS1 hometime is 3.15PM. At the end of the day your child will be dismissed from the classroom door leading to the playground. Please could you stand behind the fence, away from the canopy, to ensure that all of the children leave safely.

Homework

Your child will bring home a reading book, spelling sheet and home-school diary every night. Please could you listen to them read and help them to practise their spellings on a daily basis. This will then need to be recorded in their home school diary and brought into school every day. They will also bring home a homework challenge each week on a Monday, to be returned on Thursday.

P.E.

P.E. days are as follows:

Yellow 1 – Mrs Padley and Mrs Moore – Monday and Friday

Yellow 2 – Miss Jones - Tuesday and Thursday

Yellow 3 – Mrs Cahill and Mrs Leavesley - Tuesday and Wednesday

Yellow 4 – Mrs Spencer - Tuesday and Thursday

Yellow 5 – Mrs Asvadi - Tuesday and Friday

Your child will need their P.E. kit including plimsoles/trainers, NO JEWELLERY PLEASE. We are hoping to work outside this half term (weather permitting). Please could you ensure that your child's PE kit and uniform is CLEARLY LABELLED so that it doesn't get lost. It may be easier to leave your child's P.E kit at school on their coat peg throughout the week as they are now having at least two P.E. lessons each week.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th October – Harvest Festival for Parents and Children

Tuesday 24th Sept – Bolsover Castle Trip- Miss Jones's Class

Wednesday 25th Sept – Bolsover Castle Trip – Mrs Moore/Padley's Class

Thursday 26th Sept – Bolsover Castle Trip –Mrs Cahill/Leavesley's Class

Tuesday 1st October – Bolsover Castle Trip - Mrs Spencer's Class

Thursday 3rd October – Bolsover Castle Trip – Mrs Asvadi's Trip

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Thank you for your support.

KS1 Class Teachers

Mrs Moore, Mrs Padley, Miss Jones, Mrs Leavesley, Mrs Cahill, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Asvadi