

# Year 1

## Newsletter and Subjects Overview



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the winter break. They achieved so much last term, and their enthusiasm for learning continues to grow. We look forward to seeing them build on this strong foundation as they embrace new challenges this spring term.

### HOME PROJECTS

The children will be given a table of projects and activity ideas to complete over the Spring term. These activities are voluntary, and we always love seeing the creativity children bring to them when they choose to share.

Each Friday, the class teachers will select one child from each class who has demonstrated exceptional effort and progress. These children will have the special opportunity to present their projects during our weekly 'Celebration Assembly'. Those who share their work will be invited to enjoy a delightful afternoon tea on the last Friday of each month.

<p><b>Computing</b> Design a digital poster to show how to stay safe and be kind when using the internet.</p> <p><b>E-Safety</b></p>	<p><b>Science</b> Draw a healthy meal on a plate. Label each food and say where it comes from, for example from a plant, an animal or the sea.</p>	<p><b>History</b> Make a 3D model of a castle at home using any materials you like. Try to include some castle features such as towers, walls, a moat or a drawbridge.</p>
<p><b>English</b> Create a story map for The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon or The Lonely Beast. Show the beginning, middle, and end using pictures and simple sentences.</p>	<p><b>Art</b> Make a sculpture of something that could come to life, such as an animal, creature, robot, plant, or something imaginary. Use techniques such as rolling, folding, bending to make it look 3D.</p>	<p><b>Geography</b> Draw a map showing the best place to build a castle and explain your choice, for example near water or on a hill.</p>



'Be the best you can'



### Key Dates



5th February - Windsor Castle Trip

16th February - 20th February  
Half Term

10th March - Hummingbirds library trip

10th - 11<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening

17th March - Chaffinches library trip

27<sup>th</sup> March  
Last day of Term



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## ENGLISH & READING

This term, we are using carefully chosen fiction texts to inspire our writing. We will write short stories, diary entries from a character's point of view, sequenced instructions and simple discussions to explore different points of view. We will also enjoy exploring poetry, including free verse and rhyming couplets.

We are continuing to develop our grammar, punctuation and spelling by using simple sentences, joining ideas with *and*, while applying capital letters and full stops correctly. We will practise forming letters and numbers neatly and holding our pencils with control. Throughout all our writing, we will read our work aloud, check that it makes sense and make improvements with support.

## MATHS

Year 1 will be focusing on several important topics in maths, including:

- Place value within 20
- Addition within 20
- Subtraction within 20
- Place Value within 50
- Measuring length and height
- Measuring mass and volume

## TOPIC

During the course of the Spring term, our topic is Castles and Dragons. We will be learning about who first built castles and what their purpose is now compared to when they were initially built. We will also be researching who lives in castles and learning more about the royal family and their different roles.

In Geography we will be exploring where the best place to build a castle is and why, whether it is mountains, rivers, seas or hills and the reasoning behind this. We are really looking forward to our trip to Windsor Castle on the 5th February to learn more about its history and explore a real life castle!



## Extra information

### PE DAYS:

Tuesday and Wednesday

Children to come in wearing their PE kit.

### WINDSOR CASTLE

We have enough adults volunteers for this trip now. Thank you for all of your continued support.

Thank you from the Year 1 team

Miss Haggerty

Miss Knight

Mrs Helen

