



Year 1 Newsletter



Autumn term

We are going to be **Time Travellers**

Our topics this term are '**King of the Castle**' and '**Once Upon a Time**'

English

We are going to be reading and retelling some traditional and fairy stories in order. We will be creating story maps. We will be using labels and writing simple instructions. We have daily Read Write Inc lessons which include phonics, reading and writing.

Activities to help your child at home;

- Read regularly at home, little and often is best. When sharing stories, encourage them to retell the main events and find story language (suddenly).
- Say and write a simple sentence about their house, remembering a capital letter, a full stop and finger spaces.
- Share simple instructions, eg cooking, baking, lego.



Mathematics

We will be counting and ordering numbers to 20. We will find 1 more and 1 less. We will add and subtract using objects and pictorial representations. We will identify 2D and 3D shapes.

Activities to help your child at home;

- Ordering numbers 0-20+ and counting on and back in 1's and 10's.
- Finding numbers in the environment, such as house door numbers.
- Telling the time to the hour and discussing the daily timeline, for example, getting to school for 9 o'clock or having dinner at 5 o'clock.

Creative Curriculum

We will be stepping back in time to find out about Castles and life long ago. We will make comparisons between houses in the past to modern buildings. We will consider the properties of a variety of materials. Whilst model making, we will learn how to join different materials effectively. We will be investigating seasonal change, focusing on Autumn and Winter. In RE we will learn about 'helping hands' and Harvest. We will be developing basic computer skills and enjoying PE twice a week.



Time Travellers

Activities to help your child at home;

- Identify different materials used inside and outside the house.
- Look at different types of houses and buildings in your area.
- Investigate fallen leaves in your garden and do some leaf rubbings.
- Talk about celebrations taking place in the Autumn and Winter.
- Encourage your child to find letters on the keyboard (shift for capitals).
- Collect junk materials ready for our model making in October.

Thinking and Learning Skills In Year 1

We will support children to develop **independence** by managing simple routines, finding resources and tidying up. You can help your child to organise and take care of their things by ensuring that their personal items are clearly labelled (clothing, PE kit, water bottle). Children will need to bring in their book bags daily and hand in any notes or homework to a member of staff.

