



# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 1 2019

### Welcome!

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays, we hope you had a lovely break. The children have come back very keen and have had a marvellous start to the week.

#### Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** Open morning

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February** castle dress up date and castle banquet (there will be a letter to follow for further information)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** Last day of half term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** INSET day

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** Children come back to school

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day

**Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March (exact date to be confirmed)** Waterstones Trip

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Comic Relief

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** Parents Evening

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** Parents Evening

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** Last day of term

### Learning Challenge

This half term our topic is all about homes from the past, in particular castles. We will be looking at how they were made, who lived in them as well as writing about dragons and knights. Please see our cross curricular learning map for more information.

### P.E.

PE kits need to be at school **every day**. Even though we have allocated PE days, sometimes PE days will change, due to unforeseen circumstances. We are very lucky to have our PE coach from Crystal Palace on a Monday afternoon who will be teaching us multi-sports this half term. After a club please make sure that the PE kit is brought back the following day.

**Plimsolls or trainers** All children need plimsolls or trainers in their PE bag please.

## Celebrations

At the end of last half term we started our 'Home time hero' medal. The medal is awarded to children in turn who have embraced our learning muscles over the course of the day. The children really enjoy taking the medal home to share their good news, they have also been amazing at celebrating one another's successes and made us incredibly proud.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We take the morning register at **8.55am** each morning. Being on time to school is incredibly important to help a child feel settled and secure in their new classroom routines. It is also important so that they do not miss out on any learning time.

Over last half term we did very well as a class and were one of the top three classes for attendance. Missing a day of school regularly adds up, please be assured that if your child isn't feeling well we will always call you if we feel that they need to be sent home.

## Other Information

**Water bottles** – Please send your child to school with a water bottle, there are currently 120 children trying to use a water fountain inside school. As I'm sure you can appreciate during peak times (after play) there can be a large queue for them. Water bottles mean that your child can get water whenever they need. Thank you.

## Homework

**Reading:** We ask that children read at least three times a week at home. This helps them to make progress not just in reading but in other areas too. On Friday, we send texts home to thank you for your co-operation or to ask you to read at home over the weekend. Thank you for your positive feedback with this.

**Home learning** – Books go home on Tuesday and are due in on **Monday**. Your home learning last half term was marvellous, keep up the great work!

**Red key word books** – Books go home on Tuesday and are due in on **Monday**. Please make sure that the books are in on Mondays otherwise it can be very tricky. This half term if they don't have their book on Monday, I cannot guarantee that I will be able to mark and send new words out as it can be tricky to mark them in dribs and drabs over the week, thank you for your understanding.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to pop in and ask,

Miss Milward   Miss Howlett   Mrs Winters

