

Year 1 Newsletter



Summer Term 1 2023

Castles and Dragons

Topic

The Year 1 topic for this half term is Castles and Dragons. Children will learn all about castles and why they were created. They will learn about significant Kings and Queens from the past and how they have impacted the present.

In Art, children will use clay to make beautiful dragon eyes and will explore drawing dragons eyes using a range of mediums. In D.T, children will make work together to make strong castles with a working drawbridge.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. In Year 1, children read every day in phonics. The books read in phonics are available for your child to read on the Oxford Owl site using their logins. Each half term children complete a phonics assessment to identify the gaps in their phonic knowledge. Children in year 1 also take part in guided reading once a week.

We also encourage reading for pleasure and invite you to come and see our new library in the coming weeks once it is complete. Every week year 1 visit the local library in Marske to select a book to share with their adult.



Science

In Science, our focus this term is seasons. Children will explore how the weather changes over the 4 seasons and will begin to understand that the day length varies.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In year Y1, children will be provided with weekly homework; phonics and maths. Homework will **go out on a Friday** and must be **returned on the following Wednesday**. On a Friday, a link will be sent to Evidence Me for your child to further practise the phonics sounds taught that week. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments such as Number Bots, Purple Mash and Oxford Owl reading.

Maths

In maths, we will use rulers to measure and scales to compare the mass. Children will explore using non-standard units to find the mass of different objects. Children will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and begin to understand that multiplication is repeated addition. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home will support your child greatly.

English

In English, we will learn all about castles and why they were built. Children will explore the different parts of a castle and castles defences. Using information learnt from Non-fiction texts, children will create a non-chronological information report. Children will also look at the poetry book 'Tell me a dragon' and will create their own dragon poems.

Computing

This term, we will be creating data and information using spreadsheets. Children will explore 2calculate and will begin to create their own spreadsheets. They will insert pictures and give values to images to create data. Children will also use 2Paint to create castles using shapes and colours.

P.E.

Year 1 pupils will be balancing, rolling and jumping in gymnastics this half term. Children will need to come in their P.E kit every **Wednesday**.