



Year One Newsletter: Summer 1 2025

We hope you've had a lovely Easter break.

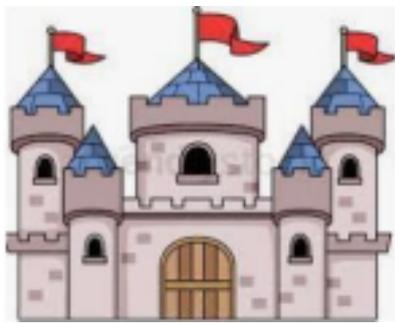
Here are a few notes about this term to help you understand what we are learning about and to give some extra information and useful reminders.

Our topic this term is 'Castles', we will be learning about castles, dragons, knights, kings and queens.

Further details of our curriculum can be found on the school website. Please feel free to contact us with any queries or suggestions.

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Our Learning Theme



Castles

Dates:

30th April - FOSPS Sponsored Colour Run
5th May - May Day - School closed
21st May - Class Photographs
23rd May - School closes for half term

Homework

Every child will change their reading book each week. Please make sure your child reads their reading book every day as the additional practise makes all the difference.

Please encourage your child to use pure sounds when sounding out words eg 'mmm' not 'muh'. We will continue to send Phonics homework on a Friday when new graphemes/phonemes have been taught.

Please send your child's reading books and reading records back to school each day in your child's bookbag.

Children will read with an adult in school three times a week.

As we progress through Year One we will continue to learn 'tricky words'. Please work with your child at home to read and spell their 'tricky words'. Once they are able to read them please send them back to school and we will send you the next set.

Reading for Pleasure

Please continue to read story books to your children - even as your children learn to read themselves. Being read to and discussing stories really develops a love of reading. There are some fantastic ebooks out there. Try this one.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/the-dragon-machine/>

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Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>Text: <i>The Queen's Hat</i> and <i>Zog</i></p>  <p>We will be writing letters and instructions. We will be remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in sentences.</p>	<p>In maths we will count, read and write numbers to 50 in numerals; finding 1 more and less than any given number and count in multiples of twos, fives and tens.</p> <p>We will also be looking at fractions finding quarters and halves of objects, shapes and quantity.</p>	<p>In science we will be looking at plants and flowers and how they change over time. We will be identifying and naming the parts of a plant and looking at different types of plants e.g. wild, garden, evergreen and deciduous.</p>
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing
<p>As part of our topic work we will be learning about castles and their features, who lived in them, what they were used for and how the features helped. We will also compare and contrast.</p>	<p>We will be exploring castles by creating models and sculptures.</p>	<p>We will be learning about the rules of keeping ourselves safe online. We will look at privacy and security online, why we have passwords and looking at the people that can help us to stay safe.</p>
Oracy	Other:	Year One Team
<p>We have been using oracy in our lessons through discussions, talk partners, games and songs. This term we will be working on group discussions and how we can show active listening eg looking at the speaker, nodding, asking clarifying questions.</p> <p>Our question of the term is: How have castles changed?</p> <p>Sentence stems I think ... I believe ... I agree ... I disagree ... because ...</p>	<p>PSHE: In Personal, Social & Health Education we are learning about Rights & Responsibilities including basic first aid. Then we are looking at healthy eating.</p> <p>Music: In music we are listening to imaginative songs and appraising them. We will also be learning to sing a song.</p> <p>PE: We will be learning how to use our attacking and defending skills in a game. Monday - Outdoor Friday - indoor Please ensure your child attends school in a full PE kit (school colours) for those days including velcro trainers for outdoor PE.</p>	<p>Mrs Austwick/Miss Walton-Donaldson Class Teachers Miss Mulholland - Rosen Class Teacher Mrs Butler - Learning Support Assistant Mrs James -Learning Support Assistant</p>