



Spring Term 1 Class Newsletter

Reception: Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Goor

Castles

Welcome back to Spring term 1. We are looking forward to our topic all about Castles. Through maths children will be creating castle plans and using positional language to guide bee bot around the castle. We will be comparing shoe sizes and length of hair linked to fairy tale stories. Children will be sequencing time events such as Cinderella on the day of the ball. We will share non-fiction book about Castles, asking questions such as why were they built? who lived in them? What were the different roles in the castle? etc Children will have the opportunity to take on the role of knights, kings, queens, princesses and other fairy tale characters. We will be writing lists and spells linked to Sleeping Beauty and when looking at Cinderella we will be writing invitations, a list of jobs, a menu, story sequencing and much more. Please look at our topic web for more exciting learning opportunities planned for this term.

Costumes

We have some costumes linked to our topic and will be making crown but if your child would like to make or bring in a knight, prince, princess, dragon etc costume then please make sure it has their name inside so we can return it at the end of our topic.

January 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		3 rd Term begins	4 th	5 th
8 th	9 th	10 th New Year Mass 1.30	11 th	12 th
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
29 th	30 th	31 st		

February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 st	2 nd
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th - End of term

Learning in Reception is all about...

Playing and Exploring	Active Learning	Creating and thinking critically
Finding out and exploring	Being involved and concentrating	Having their own ideas
Using what they know in their play	Keeping on trying	Using what they already know to learn new things
Being willing to have a go	Enjoying achieving what they set out to do	Choosing ways to do things and finding new ways

Article 12- You have the right to your opinion, and for adults for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Home learning: We are so impressed in reception how children are practicing their learning at home. Homework books need to be returned on a Wednesday and homework will be sent home on a Friday. Reading books are changed on a Wednesday too, so please ensure book and reading records are signed and in book bag, 24 children got to the honey pot and received a certificate and prize for reading every week at home last term which is amazing, let's see how many make it this term! Don't forget to look inside the book for ideas on how to share it with your child!

PE: Please ensure your child has their PE kit including plimsolls in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practice getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school. If your child had pierced ears, please remove their earrings for these days and ensure that long hair is tied up at all times.

Uniform: Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform at all times and that all their clothes are labelled clearly. Please refer to the school handbook for the correct winter uniform. Any child with the incorrect uniform will have an advisory note sent home.

Book Bags - please ensure book bags are in school daily and you check them for letters and home learning.

Water Bottles: Please send your child to school with a named water bottle to keep in the classroom.

Milk: If your child is under 5 they are entitled to free milk. Please collect a form from the office if you wish your child to have it daily.

Medication: If your child has been prescribed medication from a doctor to be administered **4 times a day**, please ensure a form is filled in from the office and a senior member of staff will administer the medicine.

Tuck Shop: Although we do get free fruit for the children, we do have our own tuck shop where children can buy alternative healthy items for 40p.

Money: If any money needs to be sent in to school please send it in a sealed and named envelope.

Absence: If your child is off school for any reason, please contact the school each morning of their absence and a note stating the reason for absence must be sent in to school on the child's return.

For additional ideas to support your child with learning at home please check our school newsletter and check out the Reception page on our school website.

This term's Reading Challenge: How many fairy tales do you know with castles in them. Can you share them at home retell them through a story board, drawing and writing.

