



21st April, 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holidays. The children have been very enthusiastic to tell us what they did in their holidays.

Curriculum- This term, our theme is 'Power and Conflict'. In English we will be learning about traditional tales including Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bear, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. Year R children will be developing their skills to write sentences independently using their phonics skills. Year 1s will be using story language and writing narratives.

In Maths, we will be focusing on numbers up to 20, introducing simple addition and subtraction skills and doubling and halving. Year 1s will be learning multiplication and division, fractions and time.

In Phonics, Reception are focusing on phase 4, practising reading words with adjacent consonants, Year 1s will be continuing to learn more new phase 5 sounds and learning alternative pronunciations of sounds.

As our theme is 'power and conflict', we will be learning and exploring different castles around the United Kingdom. We will be thinking about features castles have and what makes a good castle. We will be exploring traditional tales with our key question 'do all fairy tales have a happy ending?'

Year 1s will also be learning compass and map skills in Geography. In Science we will be focusing on the seasons and how the weather changes, and later into the term different materials.

Tapestry- It has been so lovely to see lots of parents using Tapestry to share with Ladybirds exciting things your children are doing out of school. Please do continue to share these with us, we love to see what the children get up to! We will be continuing to use Tapestry to share any learning we are doing in class.

Year 1 Homework- Year 1 children will continue receiving spellings on Seesaw- these will be uploaded on a Friday. Number kit will also be checked on a Friday afternoon, please make sure your child brings their purple book to school so we can give your child a new number kit target.

Reading- New reading books went home on Thursday 20th April. Please make sure your child reads them as often as they can at home. These will continued to be changed every Friday. Family reading will continue every Friday mornings in the hall until the end of term.

WE LOVE READING!

PE- PE days are the same as in the Spring term, Year R on a Monday and Year 1 on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure correct PE kit is worn for lessons and any jewellery is removed on that day.



What to bring to school reminders:

Water Bottles- Please send your child into school with a named water bottle every day. Please note these should only contain **water**.

Appropriate clothing - Please make sure your child has a **coat** in school every day. As the weather is (hopefully) getting warmer, please bring a **named** sun hat into school.

We had a lovely spring term learning lots of new things, I am really looking forward to learning even more with your child this summer term. I am always around on the door in the morning or after school if you have any queries or questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. MacLennan

