

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to being back at school! Here is your newsletter for the Spring term.

Drop off/Pick Up

The day will continue as normal with the children coming in through the KS1 gate which will be open at **8.35am**. The KS1 gate will then be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the classroom door at **3.15pm**.

History and English

In History this term we will be learning about castles and cathedrals! The children will learn the features of a castle, why they were built, who used to live in castles and what life was like in a castle. We will be reading Robin Hood and George and the Dragon in English and writing a narrative and a poem based on these.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about materials. We will be looking at what everyday objects are made from and what their properties are.

Reading and Phonics

The children will come home with their phonics books on a **Friday**. Please return phonics books on the following **Friday**. The books we have purchased are a valuable resource and we kindly ask that you keep the books in good condition, so they last as long as possible.

Sharing books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. These are books that they will **not** be able to read independently and are designed to be shared with a grown-up. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead.

Some children in Year 2 have graduated from phonics onto our new fluency scheme. These children will bring home a fluency reading book after they have finished reading it in class, to share with you at home. These books will come home every other week and are expected to be returned to school in the same condition 2 weeks later.

Every child will have a 'Home School Record' with their reading books for yourself to record when your child has read. Dojo points are awarded for daily reading, but only if the home school record is signed. **If the home school record is not signed, or if the book is not returned to school, your child will not be able to choose a different book.**

P.E.

PE will take place every week on **Monday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit with their school uniform and school shoes in a separate bag ready to get changed into after PE. All of your child's school uniform, shoes and PE kit must be **named**. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday.

We can't wait to see you and hear all about your Christmas!

Miss Parr and Mr Mountain