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Dear Parents/Carers

Lessons

Main Learning Theme

Our cross-curricular theme will be The Castle. This is a history focused theme. There will be opportunities to link to other subjects including science, geography, art and ICT. We will be aiming to end our half-term theme with a Key Stage One castle building competition. Please could you start to save any items which may be useful in this task, such as cereal boxes, yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes.

Numeracy

We will be working with the Numeracy framework. We will be continuing Unit One of Block C and starting Unit One in Blocks D and E (Handling data and measures, Calculating, measuring and understanding shape and Securing number facts, relationships and calculating). All of units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed in Reception.

Literacy

This next half term we will continue to teach Literacy through implementing the "Read Write Inc." program and extended writing. This will focus on developing the reading skills of the children and their writing ability. In particular, focusing on strategies for spelling and writing in greater depth.

PE

There will be PE sessions on Thursday and Friday mornings. They will require both indoor and outdoor kit and girls with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed or covered with a plaster which must be supplied from home. Please ensure your child has the proper kit with them all week.

Learning Skills

The whole school theme for developing learning skills will be Developing Independence and Responsibility. We will be working towards the following "I Can..." statements:

- I can follow the rules and routines and offer reasons for having them.
- I can make simple decisions about which activities I need to do and the order I do them in.
- I can undertake a short activity independently when given instructions.
- I can offer reasons for why I feel that something is right or something is wrong.

General

Homework

This will be continuing more of a project theme and the shorter activities, usually literacy, maths or science based will still be given when there is a need to either reinforce or compliment something that has been delivered in class. Our home learning for next half term will be to create a fact file about a castle. More details about this project will be given when it is set after half term.



End of the day

Please feel free to use this time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Should you need to collect your child at other times during the school day then you will need to go to the main Office area.

All of the adults that will be working with Year 1, Mrs Sprouse, Mrs. Todd, Miss Back and myself are looking forward to continuing the successful start made to the school year.

Kind regards,

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Class Teacher

Mrs Sprouse
TA

Miss Back
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Mrs. Todd
TA

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

