

Things to Remember...

- Our PE sessions are on Mondays & Thursdays. Please come to school wearing your PE kit for the whole day.
- Please bring your reading book to school every day.
- Show and Tell – check the class timetable to find out what day you can bring something special in to show the class.
- Please bring a water bottle in everyday, so that your child has a drink in the classroom.
- It is a really good idea to put a spare pair of pants and socks in your child's PE bag – just in case we need to change.

Please come and speak to myself and Mrs Hills if you have any questions or queries, however big or small, we will do our best to help.

Wednesday Welly Walks!

On Wednesday afternoons, we will go on our welly walks. 1.30-2.30pm. We will start these on Wednesday 25th September.

We ask that you send your child to school dressed in old clothes. Bring a bag with some extra layers to ensure we keep warm, as well as their waterproof suit. A woolly hat and gloves are essential too. We go whatever the weather!

This term we will be finding our way around Wild About Barcombe, playing games and looking for seasonal changes.

We will also be going on Friday afternoon walks on the Recreation ground. We will just pop our welly boots on for this. But please make sure you have a coat on Fridays.

Tapestry – Reception children

Once we have set up your child's Tapestry account, please look at it each week, to see what we have been learning at school. It is a great starting point for conversations about our busy days at school.

Please try and upload photographs of things you get up to at home. We love sharing your posts and home learning with the children in their show and tell.

Dates for your diary:

- Harvest festival at the church – 8th October 9am
- Year 1 trip to Lewes Castle – Tuesday 1st October
- Christmas performance –TBC
- Christmas carols at the church -17th December 9am



Hedgehog Class

Terms 1 & 2 2024

Teacher: Miss Eaglen

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Hills

INAs: Ms Chandler & Mrs Lomas

ENGLISH

For our topic of castles, we shall be focussing on the story *The Egg*. The Year One children will be developing their independent sentence writing. Using capital letters, finger spaces and a full stop. Our Reception children will be learning how to recognise and write their names and to develop their mark-making skills in different media... time to get out the chinks, shaving foam and paints!

When thinking about knights, castles and dragons in our topic, we shall pursue the children's interests, and use our writing to support our learning in the environment. We will also be reading the traditional tale of *Goldilocks*. We will be developing our story telling skills and writing recipes to make delicious porridge!

HISTORY

We shall be learning how to become a Historian this term. We will focus on castles, looking at naming and identifying the different parts of the castle and thinking about who might have lived there. We will be creating our own timelines looking at houses from the past and begin to learn how to analyse historical sources looking at artefacts, photographs and paintings. The Year 1 children will be visiting Lewes castle and we are hoping to have a knight visit us later in the term! In term 2 we will be learning about a famous man from the past called Guy Fawkes. We will be finding out bonfire night traditions.

Our Learning Journey is:

**"Castles" -
What happened
in a castle?**

MATHS

We shall begin to introduce some new concepts over the next two terms. Reception children will be focussing on their number recognition to 10 and then 20. Year One will be learning to read and write numbers across 100. We will begin counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s and learning about the concept of addition and subtraction. The children will also begin to recognise and name common 2D shapes, including rectangles, squares, circles and triangles.

SCIENCE

In Science this term, we will be learning about different materials and carrying out some experiments. We will investigate what would be best materials for protecting a knight! As the weather turns, we shall start thinking about Seasonal Changes, using our beautiful school grounds to help us learn about when Summer turns to Autumn and Autumn in to Winter. In term 2, the year 1 children will have their science lessons with the other year 1 children, with Miss Eaglen.

PHONICS

Reception will be learning 2 letter sounds each week. I will send these home for you to practice. Year 1 will be recapping on their use of digraphs to read and write words, as well as reading tricky words by sight.

P.E.

Throughout Terms 1 and 2 we will focus on mastering basic movements, including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and coordination. We will begin to apply these in a range of activities.

P.S.H.E

During Term 1 the children will be getting to know their new classmates and learn about our school rules, knowing that rules keep us happy and safe. We will also be reading the colour Monster to learn about emotions.

ART.

We will be creating our own castle pictures using paints and collage during our castle topic. After the half-term we shall be exploring mixed-media to create our own firework piece. When learning about Diwali we shall be creating our own Rangoli and Mehndi Patterns. During the run up to Christmas we will explore a range of Christmas crafts to make the season extra special!

MUSIC & RE

We will be focusing on traditional nursery rhymes and singing songs for harvest. In RE, we will be learning about what Harvest means to Christians. We will be learning about a Christening and why this is an important celebration for Christians.