

Sparrows Newsletter:

Our topic for this term in Sparrow class is 'Castle Crazy! We are beginning the topic with a 'Prince and Princesses Day' on the 11th January. **If your child could bring in a costume for this that would be great!** Some of the learning opportunities children will have throughout the term relating to our topic include finding out about castles of the past as well as the lives of significant historical figures such as William the Conqueror. We will find out who used to live in castles and who does now. We will learn about the features of castles; design and make coats of arms and shields for knights and design a menu for a banquet. We will also find out about local castles and focus on our 'house' castles: Bodiam, Leeds, Dover and Hever.

In Science we will be looking at animals and humans; investigating our local area and habitats. Children will also have the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions on different type of castles through Art, as well as researching castles using ICT this term. As part of DT this term, we will be cooking on a Friday afternoon.

Our English learning this term will be focused around books related to castles and fairy tale castles such as Cinderella, Snow White and The Jolly Postman. We will be looking at holy books in Christianity, Judaism and Islam in our RE lessons. In Maths we are following the mastery curriculum which includes looking at time, place value, addition, subtraction, length and height.

Sparrow Homework

The Brain Builders for the term are attached to this newsletter. It is important that you ensure your child completes their homework to the best of their ability. This will help your child to improve their learning. Children will be able to earn points for their house and the winning house will have a non- uniform day at the end of term.

Spellings:

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the spellings for each week, which are based on the sounds children learn in phonics during that week. Every week (usually Fridays), children will be given a dictation test of up to five sentences containing these words. Please continue to support your children with learning their spellings for the week and ensure that they are practising them on a regular basis.

PE

Sparrow Class PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. All children should have a school PE Kit and bag in school. Please remember pupils should have separate trainers for PE! Please continue to ensure that your child takes out their earrings on the days when they have PE.

Reading

We visit the school library each Wednesday where the children are able to choose their own book. Please return these the following week so they can take new books home. Reading Rebel books are changed in school on Mondays and Fridays. Please spend some time sharing these with your children, reading and discussing the books.

Support

If you have any questions or would like support related to your child's learning, please come and see me.

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