



Our topic this half term is
"Why were Castles built?"

Class 1DB - Spring 2

I hope you have had a lovely time over the half term break. The children have certainly returned to school keen to continue their learning journey. I hope that you and your child are enjoying the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer.

Homework

Homework will be given out weekly, on a Friday; to be handed in by the following Wednesday.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Tuesday. A spelling test will take place the following Monday. Your support in practising these spellings is gratefully appreciated.

Reading

Reading books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday. You should encourage your child to read at home every day if possible, but certainly at least five times a week. Please ensure that your child's reading log is signed. We would like each child to put their reading book in the blue tray once the book has been read. This tray is clearly labelled and is kept in the cloakroom.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child has full PE kit in school on this day. Please remember earrings should not be worn on PE days.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- * Story writing
- * Character / setting descriptions
- * Diary writing

During literacy your child will also be focusing on grammar, punctuation and guided reading.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- *Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- *Place value
- *Length and height
- *Weight and volume

Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for the relevant number facts.

Science

The theme for this half term is 'Sound'. The children will listen to different sounds and discuss how different sound travels.

RE

Our topic for this term is 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' We will be focusing on how we celebrate Easter as Christians.

Music

The children will be learning about how to make different sounds with their voices and follow short rhythmic patterns.

ICT

During ICT we will be continuing to learn about how to stay safe online. The children will continue to log themselves on to the computers, using their own logins. They will also be using a range of different software e.g. word processing and art packages.

Art/ DT

During our Art and DT lessons we will be creating our own Bayeux Tapestry and designing and making our own Knight's shield.

History/Geography

As geographers we will be looking at the location of different Castles built in the UK.

As historians we will be investigating when different types of Castles were built, focusing on their similarities and differences.

And finally...

Please feel free to come into school, at the beginning or end of the day, to discuss any concerns with myself, Mrs Mathers or Miss Thorneycroft.

Number Bonds to 20

There are 21 ways to make 20.

$$0+20 = 20$$

$$20+0 = 20$$

$$1+19 = 20$$

$$19+1 = 20$$

$$2+18 = 20$$

$$18+2 = 20$$

$$3+17 = 20$$

$$17+3 = 20$$

$$4+16 = 20$$

$$16+4 = 20$$

$$5+15 = 20$$

$$15+5 = 20$$

$$6+14 = 20$$

$$14+6 = 20$$

$$7+13 = 20$$

$$13+7 = 20$$

$$8+12 = 20$$

$$12+8 = 20$$

$$9+11 = 20$$

$$11+9 = 20$$

$$10+10 = 20$$