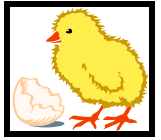


William Shrewsbury Primary School

Year One News - Spring 2020



Hello and welcome back from all the Year One Staff- Mrs Peach, Mrs Cornell, Mrs Love and Miss Thomas and all the support staff. We hope your child is settling into the new term and is beginning to get over the Christmas excitement!!

Visit to Tamworth Castle

We will be finishing our topic with an exciting visit to Tamworth Castle. The children will get the opportunity to explore the castle, become servants to the Lady of the castle and become Knights for the day.

Date: **Thursday 13th February**
and **Friday 14th February**



Our topics this term...

First half term

Castles

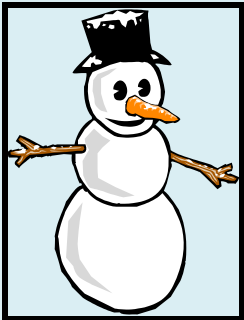
- Visit to Tamworth Castle
- The Queen and succession
- Castle life
- Comparison of styles of castles over time

Second half term

Land or Sea

- Living things
- Oceans and Continents around the world
- Australian Art

Please try and find time to talk to your child about the above topics.



During the cold weather it would be great if your child could bring a named hat, scarf and gloves to wear on the playground, as it can get quite chilly when the wind picks up!

Dates for your diary

Week commencing 27th January

- 1B Parent lunch

Week commencing 3rd February

- 1G Parent lunch

Monday 10th February (2pm)

- KS1 Phonics Meeting

Week commencing 10th February

- 1R Parent lunch

Friday 7th February

- Family Learning Project- build a castle

Thursday 13th February (1G and half of 1R)/Friday 14th February (1B and half of 1R)

- Tamworth Castle Visit

17th - 21st February

- Half term

25th February

- School re-opens

Wednesday 11th March/Thursday 19th March

- Parent Interviews

Friday 3rd April

- Easter Bonnet Parade and break up

Science week TBC



Please could you make sure that your child has their **indoor and outdoor kit** in school on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**, ready for our PE session. Please also ensure that all items belonging to your child are named and make sure long hair is tied back and **jewellery is removed**.

Many thanks.

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Some ideas for helping your child with English & Maths at home

This term we are concentrating on the children's sentence structure. We are reminding them to use capital letters at the beginning of sentences and full stops at the end. We are also reminding them about their big spaces between words and to use their phonics to help them to sound out and spell words.

Please carry on sharing books with your child as often as possible. Reading a variety of books will help to develop a wide range of reading skills, e.g. using the pictures to work out words, looking at letter sounds to sound out vocabulary, talking about the story, pictures and characters to understand the book further and listening to you read to them in order to increase their own expression. Don't forget to update the reading log in your child's Reading Journal.

The children would still benefit from knowing the alphabet (upper and lower case) with rapid recall and correct formation.

This term we are consolidating the children's knowledge of all the sounds and we are blending them in writing and reading activities. Children are used to 'holding a sentence' in their heads before attempting to write it on their own.

English



The children have been practising their 'rapid recall' of certain number facts so far this term... particularly 'doubles' and halves of certain numbers.
E.g. double of 2 = 4
Half of 4 = 2

They have also been going over number bonds to 10 / 20 (all the pairs of numbers adding to a given amount) e.g.
 $11 + 9 = 20$

Talk about length, weight, capacity and time around your house and when out and about, e.g.

Which piece of spaghetti is the longest/shortest?
Which tin can is the heaviest/lightest?
How many cups fill the bucket? (In the bath)



Maths

Let's talk money! Children need as much opportunity as possible to practise using 'real' money including notes.