

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2018

### Happy New Year

I hope that you've all had a great Christmas and that the children are well rested after our very long Autumn Term. Please feel to speak to me about any questions or concerns you may have.

#### P.E. Kits

This term the children will be doing Football with Kevin on a Tuesday morning – they will need an outdoor PE kit (warm jogging bottoms, a warm fleece or hoody and outdoor trainers).

Please make sure your child also has their indoor P.E. kit in school at all times (black pumps, black shorts and a white t-shirt). I will send them home at half-term to be washed!

#### Topics

We will begin the term looking at Materials and also Traditional tales. After the half term holiday we will be looking at Animals first and then Castles. I am hoping to take the children on a school visit at the end of the term (I will confirm this nearer the time).

#### Reading

Please continue supporting the children by reading with them regularly. Please continue to record in their reading records that they have read. (I have spoken to the children and said that I'm happy for them to write in their reading records themselves if they have read with an adult if this helps to save you time). As children's reading develops it becomes even more important that they are asked lots of questions about what they have read. This ensures that they have understood what they have read and helps them to use and develop their increasing vocabulary.

#### Maths homework

The children will continue to have maths homework in their books. The expectation is that it will take a full term to 'achieve' the steps that they are currently learning. We have changed the way we undertake the test in Year 1 as the children said they found the music that is played puts them off and the children seem happier with the new format.