

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we started looking at the different features of medieval castles and why castles were built the way they were. We made our own glossaries and wrote definitions for the different parts of the castles.

We also had a lot of fun making potions this week! We thought about what kind of weather we would like to create if we could make any weather imaginable. The children then worked in groups to gather ingredients, make their spells and create their weather potions. This led to the children writing some wonderful descriptive pieces about their amazing, magical weather!



For maths, we had a recap of all the areas we have learnt so far, such as: adding, subtracting, doubling, halving, measuring, 2D and 3D shape. We also had a main focus of using coins to pay for items from a shop. We tried to use the least amount of coins to pay for each amount.

For Science and Design and Technology, we carried out an experiment to build and test the building materials that the Three Little Pigs used to build their houses. The children worked in small groups to build houses out of straws, sticks or bricks. Once completed, we used a fan (as the Big Bad Wolf was unfortunately not available) to try and blow the houses down. We found the houses made of sticks and bricks were far stronger than the houses made of straws.



On a personal note, I would just like to say how wonderful all your children were last week on my birthday. They were certainly way more excited about me turning 30 than I was! They all made it a really special day for me, which I wasn't expecting at all.

I hope all you have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards,

Miss Hutchings

Friday 10th March – Junk Model castles

On Friday 10th March, Year 1 will be making their own junk model castles. Please could you start collecting any bits that might be useful at home (e.g. cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes, etc.)? I will let you know when they can be brought into school.

Monday 20th March – Castles and Fairy tales day

On Monday 20th March, we will be having a Castles and Fairy tales day. The children will be able to come in dressed as knights, princesses, or anything related to that theme. I will send more information out about the day nearer the time.

Year 1 Spellings

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some
water
Mrs
Miss
Mr

Optional additional spellings

Here are some additional *optional* spellings for your child to practise at home, if they wish to.

drawbridge	portcullis	gatehouse	sword
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