

# Year 1 Newsletter



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas ☺

This term in Year 1, our topics are:

- **Castles and Fairy tales**, where we will be learning about traditional tales, features of a castle, what it was like to live in a medieval castle and facts about Queen Elizabeth I.
- **Everyday Materials** for science. We will be identifying, naming and sorting a variety of materials, looking at the properties of these materials and testing them.
- **Special books and Special days** for Religious Education. We will be learning about stories from the Old Testament such as Joseph the Dreamer.

Our PE days will remain the same this term – on Wednesdays and Fridays.

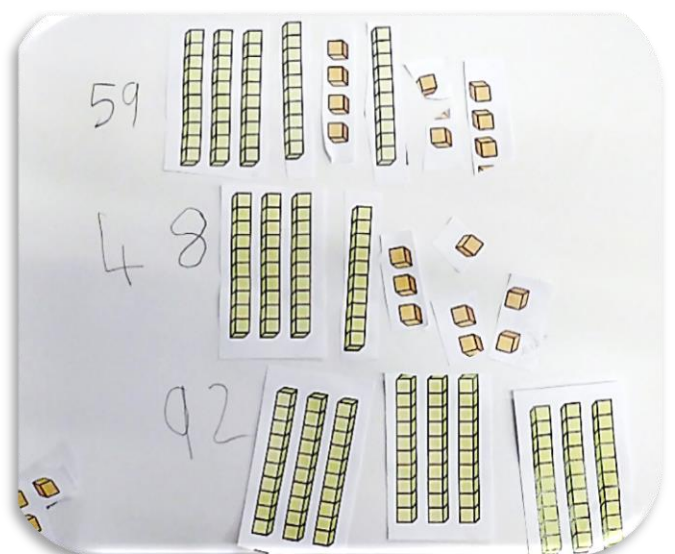
The new groups and days for show and tell will be: **Unicorns** – Monday, **Kings and Queens** – Tuesday, **Wizards** – Wednesday, **Dragons** – Thursday, **Knights** – Friday.

It's been lovely welcoming the children back to school this week and hearing about their exciting holidays! We began our topic of Castles and Fairytales by reading and retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We imagined what wonderful things we would like to discover at the top of a beanstalk. We worked on including interesting adjectives in our writing to make it more exciting to read.

In maths, we started off by finding one more or less than a number up to 100. Then we moved onto finding 2, 3, 4, etc. more or less than a number. We also used fruitella sweets to help us partition numbers into tens and units. We used a whole pack of fruitella to represent the tens and the single sweets to represent the ones. We are now more confident at explaining how many tens and ones are in a two-digit number.

Kind regards,

Miss Hutchings



# Year 1 Spellings

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could
old
can
in

If your child is already confident in writing these words, then you can ask them to practise writing these words within a sentence to embed their understanding.

## Optional additional spellings

Here are some additional *optional* spellings for your child to practise at home should they wish to do so. These are trickier words and where possible, linked to our learning:

castle	January	knight	alphabet
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