

Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 12th January 2018

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.

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 words in our writing, to make it more exciting to read. We have also been working on the presentation of our writing, taking our time to ensure that our letters are being formed correctly.

In maths, we began by finding ten more, or less, than a number up to 100. We have been using a 100 square to help our learning. We found out that when adding, or subtracting 10, the units number does not change, only the digit in the tens column.

We also looked at solving addition word problems. We discussed the different ways that we can say 'add' and came up with a list of words to help us. We read through the problems carefully to find the information that helped us and then used this to solve the problems.

This week in art we learnt about how different families have coats of arms. We looked at different examples and discussed what the different colours and animals represent. We then went on to design our own coat of arms, thinking carefully about what we would include to make them personal to us.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin and Miss Brooks

Year 1 Spellings

Each Friday, I will send home a small list of 5 high frequency words for your children to practise writing at home. The following Friday, the children will write these words in a spelling test. Here are the words for your child to practise this week:

not
could
old
can
in

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

Trickier, optional spellings:

castle	January	knight	alphabet
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