

Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school; we hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. The children have settled back in so well, throwing themselves back into learning, and were all very excited to see their friends. They are enjoying the sunny weather as much as we are!

English

In English this week we have started our new story *The Kiss That Missed* by David Melling. We began by predicting what the knight and horse might find in the wild wood and then moved onto sequencing the story and thinking about a character's feelings. We finished the week by creating a story map.

Phonics: This week the children have recapped on all the different ways they know how to spell the 'a' and 'i' sounds.

Maths

In maths this week the children have started counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have practised counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and enjoyed building unifix towers to represent different numbers.

Talking Point: Can you think of some games to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s?

Foundation Subjects

History: this week we have started our new topic Castles and Knights. The children have learnt about William the Conqueror and why he is important, and enjoyed looking at the Bayeux Tapestry. The children loved creating their own class Bayeux Tapestry.

D&T: the children have started their new topic 'Reinforced Structures' and will be creating their own castles. This week they looked at six different types of doors and had a go at creating each one so they can decide what they want to use in their own castle.

Notices & Reminders

To help us create our castles, we need lots of cardboard! Please send in boxes, ideally cereal or easter egg boxes (or a similar size). Thank you.

You will have received information about a workshop we are planning for the children in May. Thank you to all the families who have already paid a contribution via ParentPay. If you haven't done so already and are able to make a contribution, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

As the weather is warming up please make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle and sun cream applied if necessary. Thank you.

Values Award

Cornflower: Danial & Jasleen **Foxglove:** Summer & Andre **Lavender:** Mohamed & Mariana

Diamond Work Award

Cornflower: Emma & Louis **Foxglove:** Amber & Mathias **Lavender:** Reggie-Roy & Jude