

Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in Year 1. The children have thrown themselves into our new topics and we have been pleased to see their enthusiasm in learning about castles. Their own castles in DT are coming along well!

We hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday Monday and will look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 4th May.

English

In English this week we have continued with the story *The Kiss that Missed*. The children have been writing their own 'the kiss that missed' stories changing some of the characters and setting. We have been so impressed with what the children thought of and how well they used adjectives to describe their own settings and characters. Well done!

Phonics: This week we have recapped all the ways to spell the long 'e'; ow, ou; oi, oy and 'oo' (as in moon) and ue (as in glue).

Maths

In maths this week we have looked at money. We have focused on 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. The children have thought about the value, shape and colour of the coins as well as how many 1p's there are in 2p, 5p and 10p. They have had fun playing shops playing the role of both the shopkeeper and customer!

Foundation Subjects

History: In history we have continued to look at castles, We learnt about motte and bailey castles and their features.

Science: In science this week we have started our topic on Materials. We have thought about the materials castles are made from, focusing on the materials used in motte and bailey castles and stone keep castles.

Notices & Reminders

Please keep bringing in cereal boxes/cardboard boxes (that are easy to cut!) for DT. Thank you.

Workshop: 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 made 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.

SPAR! Book Awards - as a school we are participating in the SPARK! Book Awards. In class this week we have read the book 'Clean Up' by Nathan Byron. If you want you can upload a book review for the story to the stream of the special SPARK! Book Awards Google Classroom. You can access the Classroom with the code: [e5q42na](#). There will be a prize for the most creative entry!

Values Award

Cornflower: Grayson and Yibo **Foxglove:** Laksh and Caitlin **Lavender:** Sami and Max

Diamond Work Award

Cornflower: Harriet and Timothy **Foxglove:** William and Sophia **Lavender:** Isabelle and Mariana
