

Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy penultimate week in Year 1. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop on Monday and became knights of knowledge! We were so impressed with their enthusiasm and engagement.

English

In English this week we have started our new non-fiction book - See *Inside Castles*. We recapped the features of non-fiction texts and thought about why the Contents page and Index are in alphabetical order. Can your child sing you the Alphabet song? We ended the week writing questions about what we would like to find out about castles and thought about the difference in language used in fiction and non-fiction texts.

Phonics: This week we have looked at the digraphs oe and oa making the long "o" sound. We have also recapped on the trigraphs, air, ear and ure.

Maths

In maths this week we have been looking at fractions. We looked at halving and quartering shapes. The children have found this quite tricky but we have been very impressed with their resilience and perseverance.

Foundation Subjects

DT: We have continued making our castles. This week we have started to create the outer structure of the walls. We have cut out the battlements, a door and have added some decorations. Next week we will be joining the walls and adding the drawbridge!

Science: We continued our unit on Materials. This week the children investigated which material would be best to make a knight's catapult. Ask them what their findings were!

Notices & Reminders

Please could all children bring in a **cereal box** for their castle bases next week. Could we also have **toilet/kitchen roll tubes**. Thank you!

The children break up for half term next Friday - school will finish at the normal time. Children will return to school on **Monday 7th June**.

Values Award

Cornflower: Shivansh and Harriet **Foxglove:** Philipp and Abigail **Lavender:** Felix and Mariam

Diamond Work Award

Cornflower: Noah and Rayva **Foxglove:** Owin and Jolie **Lavender:** Reggie-Roy and Berrin
