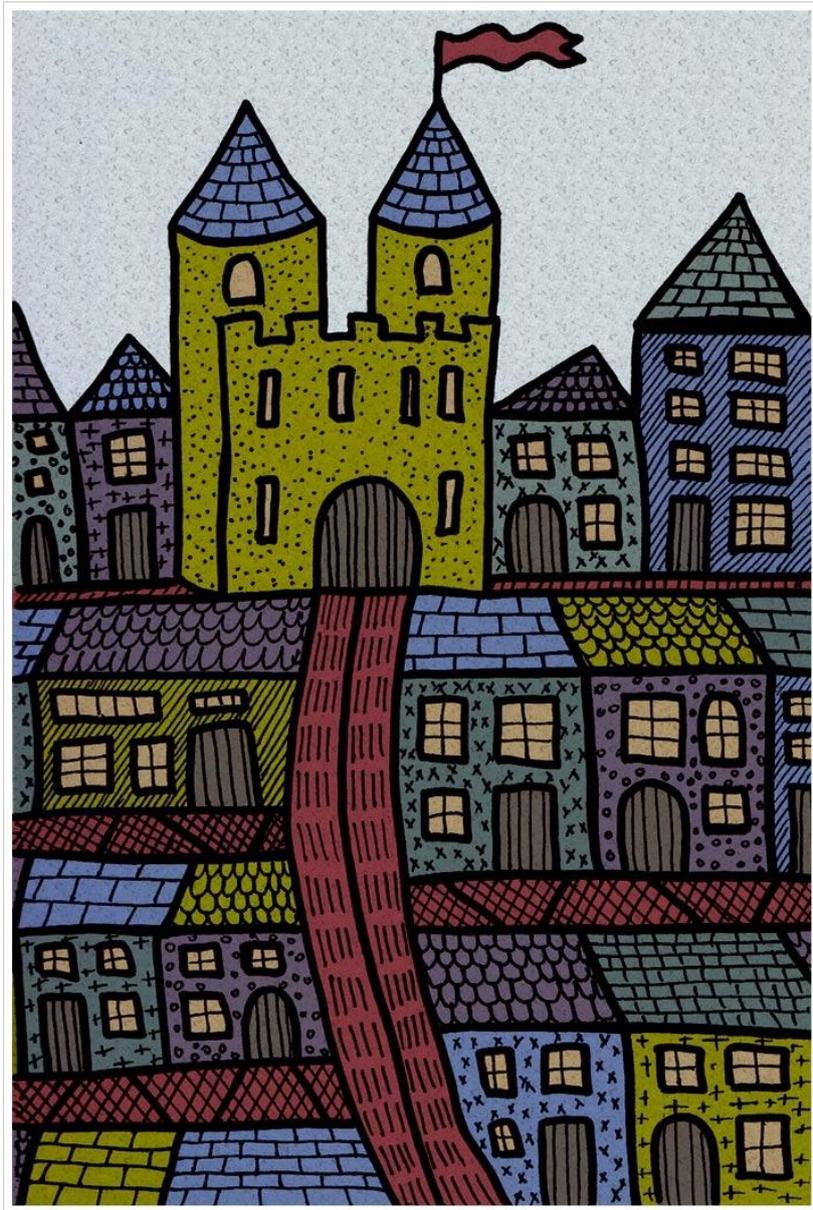


# Class One Newsletter



Summer 2017

Dear Parents,

With Easter over and chocolate eaten, it is time to look forward to the Summer Term. I have planned lots of activities that I hope the children will enjoy. Although we have only been back at school for a week, we have already enjoyed a visit from the Science Dome.

Shortly we hope to be visited by BBOWT who will guide us through an array of outdoor environmental activities. In addition, we will go on another walk to Crowmarsh Rec to see the impact of the seasons changing.

I have also booked a trip to visit Oxford Castle in June. There will be more information about this trip later in the term.

### **Topics**

We are beginning the term by focusing on the Environment. Our session in the Dome was an excellent introduction to the topic that inspired the children and brought many questions that we will try to answer. Following on from this we will study a wide range of Animals and their habitats.

After half term we will be learning about Castles, Houses and Homes and will be going on a local history walk around Crowmarsh to look at features of the village and how it has changed over time. For the remaining weeks of the term we will be having fun learning about Deadly Dinosaurs and Perilous Pirates.

### **English**

Related to our topic on animals, we will be reading and discussing a wide range of stories by the same author, Anthony Browne. In addition we will use non-fiction texts, at a level beyond that at which the children can read independently. This term's literacy will also include writing stories, reports, fact-files, recount and poetry. Phonics continues to be a daily and vital part of our lessons.

### **Guided / Paired / Whole-class reading**

Children read at school every day in different ways. We read a range of texts related to our topics as well as paired reading in small groups.

### **Reading at home**

We will continue to change reading books on Thursday and Friday providing your child has finished the previous week's books and you have indicated this in your child's reading record. It is important to use the reading diary to communicate progress, make relevant comments and track progress.

### **Maths**

This term we will continue to cover topics such as place value, addition, shape, capacity and time as well as practising mental arithmetic skills.

- Read and write whole numbers up to 20 and beyond.
- Count on or back in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Recall addition facts for each number up to 10 or 20.
- Order a set of numbers.
- Knowing the names of coins.

Every day: practice and develop oral and mental skills.

### **ICT**

We will be using laptops every week to improve our word processing skills and find information. The children will learn how to save and print their work.

### **PE**

PE sessions will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone will need to have plimsolls or trainers and their full **named** P.E. kit. It is important that everyone has shoes that fit properly, please can you check. An extra top and jogging pants are useful when the weather is very cold.

## **Finally**

Don't forget to look at the weekly class blog to keep up to date with your child's experiences in school and find out about homework activities you can do to support your child's learning.

We are lucky enough to have a much valued group of parents who generously give up their time to come into school and listen to children read.

Thank you to those who have helped in school, your help and support is most welcome and much appreciated.

If you have any concerns and need to speak to me I am available after school, although an appointment is advisable. ( *not Wednesday or Friday* )

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Nixon