

Reminders:

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40 and 8:50 am
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- All clothing should be clearly labelled with their name, especially any new summer uniform.
- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.



Swimming and PE Lessons

- Year 1 are swimming Term 5.
- Please make sure your child has a swimsuit and towel for every Friday session.
- Please ensure your child brings a verruca sock to swimming if they need it.
- We do PE every Monday (weather allowing) and would very much appreciate it if P.E. kits could be left on their pegs at the start of the week.
- **SPORTS WEEK:** Sports week will be in Term 6 on the week beginning 11th July.



We had a fantastic time doing our Obstacle course for Sports Relief! Thank you for all your kind donations and healthy snacks.



Mrs Hollingsworth, Miss Porter and Miss Carden

We hope you enjoyed visiting the children at our open afternoon and looking at all the hard work in their books. Our next open afternoon will be Thursday 26th May.



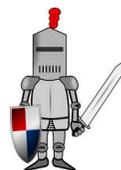
Joy Lane Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter

Term 5 and 6

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break.

This newsletter will give a brief overview of the things we are doing in Terms 5 and 6.



We are excited to be learning about...

CASTLES



We will be learning all about castles and the people who used to live in them!

We are also hoping to visit a castle towards the end of term (more details to follow).



In the garden

We will be exploring nature while learning about mini-beasts and their habitats. We will also be learning about different trees and flowers that we might see outside and will learn how they grow.

In Term 6 we will also begin our transition to Year 2 and meet our new teacher!

SHARING ASSEMBLIES

Each class will be performing their sharing assembly this term. Each class is really looking forward to showing you all the wonderful things we have been learning this term!

Da Vinci—Friday 22nd April

Vermeer—Friday 29th April

Van Gogh— Friday 6th May



Year 1 Learning Themes

Here is an overview of some of the things we will be doing at school:

Literacy:

We will be continuing our Letters and Sounds phonics programme by revisiting and reviewing the sounds we have learnt (up to phase 5) and improving our blending and segmenting skills. We will be writing reports on castles, enjoying traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk and writing our own fairy tales.



Mathematics:

We will be continuing our number work and revisiting key areas such as time and money. We will be focusing more on applying our maths knowledge in order to solve problems and encouraging children to 'talk maths' by explaining their understanding and working.



Topics:

CASTLES: We are really excited to be learning about castles and how people lived in medieval times. In History we will compare life then to how we live now, learn how to become a knight and visit a real castle. We will be designing and building castles from junk modelling materials in DT and testing the best material to keep the Queen's tea warm in Science!

In the garden: In Term 6 we will be spending lots of time learning outside! We are looking forward to going on mini-beast hunts and designing our own shoe box habitats. In Geography we will be developing our map work skills and in Science we will be learning the names of some common trees and flowers and how they grow. We will also be learning about Judaism and belonging in RE.

Supporting your child at home:

Phonics:

We have now covered all of the sounds from the Letters and Sounds programme from Phase 2-5. If you wish to view these online you can find them here: <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

Some other recommended websites to play games and watch phonics videos on: <http://www.mrthorne.com>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

<http://www.busythings.co.uk>



The phonics screening check for Year 1 children will take place the week beginning 13th June.

Reading:

We continue to see some fantastic improvements in the children's reading and are really focusing on comprehension and understanding of the text. To do this we encourage discussion about the characters, setting, questioning about the plot and opportunities to retell and act out the stories.

Spelling:

Spellings are given out each week for children to learn and record in the green spelling books. Children need to write the spellings in their book twice but would also really benefit from using some of their spellings in a sentence or two!

Homework:

This term's wheel is all based around castles, kings and queens. We look forward to seeing what fantastic things the children produce!