



# Our Year 1 Classroom News

## Spring Term Information

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### Welcome

Thank you for all your support this term. We are so proud of all the hard work the children have done so far. We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and the children return refreshed and ready for our new topic next term.

We will start the new year with our topic called **Kings, Queens and Castles** where we will be learning about royals, past and present, and features of various different castles.

Have a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!  
Miss Poppy, Mrs Brown, Mrs Baldwin and the team

### Things to Remember

#### PE:

- London Bridge - Tuesday & Wednesday
- Green Park - Tuesday & Thursday
- Tower Hill – Wednesday & Thursday

Please make sure that you child has the correct PE kit and it is labelled clearly.

#### Reading

Reading at home is very important. It develops fluency and a love of reading. Reading at home little and often makes a big difference and is greatly valued at school. Please ensure you read with your child every night.

#### Maths Parent Workshop 23rd January

Come and find out about how we teach maths using the White Rose Maths programme and Numicon, as well as having a growth mind-set to improve learning.

### Our Topic

**Over the course of the Spring term, we will explore these exciting areas of learning:**

- The significance of kings and queens in British history
- Who our current monarch is
- Historic events that have changed the role of monarchs today
- The role of Kings and Queens today
- The changing balance of power between the crown, parliament and the people
- Famous people who have helped make our lives better today
- Different parts and types of castles
- The roles of people within a castle

**In English**, we will be writing to entertain and to inform through a exciting story and a descriptive letter. The books we will be using as inspiration are, 'The Kiss that Missed' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'

**In Maths**, we will continue practising different strategies for addition and subtraction. We will cover place value to 50, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

**In Science**, we will be learning about plants and growing, naming the parts of plants and identifying a range of common plants and trees.

### Important Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back to school
12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Conferences
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Maths Parent Workshop
14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Parent Open mornings
	Trip to Castle TBC
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Dress Up
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Race for Life Charity Run
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of Term