



# Sapphire Class Newsletter



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## Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 1 is 'Castles'



This term our topic is Castles. We will be learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom in this Geography based topic.

We have linked Literacy, Art, Geography and Topic together to look at the subject from a variety of angles. We will be using maps, looking at flags and castles, capital cities and culture.

In **Maths** this term, we will be working on number and place value, addition and subtraction, continuing with Big Maths and times tables each week and will be using our skills to solve problems.

In **English**, we will be using stories about princes, princesses and dragons to learn how to use adjectives and adverbs to describe a character. We will also have a quick recap of writing instructions. In phonics, we will recap the Phase 5 sounds from the Letters and Sound programme, before moving on to the No Nonsense Spelling programme.

In **Computing**, we will use the Scratch programme and in **Science** we are learning about animals, including humans. In **PHSE**, we will follow the Zippy's Time programme, beginning with the Friendships programme.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September we will begin our topic with a visit from KIC Theatre who will lead us in drama workshops, covering all aspects of life in castles.

## P.E is on Thursday and Friday.

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school. **Please remove earrings on these days** - this is an important health and safety issue. **Children may wear jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE lessons.**



## How can you help at home?

- Times tables songs
- Reading - books, comics, signs, labels
- Spelling tricky words e.g. There and their, here and hear etc.
- Writing simple stories/news using adjectives
- Adding two or three small numbers



## MEET and GREET

It will be lovely to meet our Sapphire parents at the Meet the Teacher session being held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm. If you are unable to attend do come and say hello to us at the door. There will also be further opportunities to come into your child's class throughout the year.

## Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



## Reading books

Each week your child is listened to reading their reading books as well as Guided Reading and reading in different situations. Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from **reading with you at home as much as possible to build confidence and fluency.**



Thank you!

## Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes and saves you a lot of stress!. This includes their PE kit, coats etc. Thank you.