

Welcome Back!

We hope you are returning to school revitalised and ready for the new school year. It's wonderful to have the children back and we are really excited about the term ahead!

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Once upon a Time' and many of our curriculum areas will be linked to this. This half term we will focus on castles. We will be looking at the different types of castles, the Battle of Hastings and William the Conqueror. Our trip this term will be to Tamworth Castle where we will meet the lady of the house and immerse ourselves in castle life!

English

This half term we will be focusing on securing the children's basic skills in sentence writing. We will do this through writing a story (Rapunzel) and creating our own hair poems. Please continue to read with your child as often as you can. We are always looking for volunteers to read with the children so please let a member of staff know if you are available. (You can collect a DBS form from the school office which has now replaced the CRB form).

Mathematics

The first part of the autumn term will see a focus on reading, writing, counting and ordering numbers, money, shape, addition and subtraction. We continue to follow the White Rose scheme of work which incorporates fluency, reasoning and problem solving to ensure children have a secure knowledge before we move on to the next area of teaching.

Religious Education

We will be following the Come and See scheme of work, we will be focussing on beginnings and belonging. We will keep you updated about class liturgies and let you know when your child's is as soon as possible. All friends and family are welcome to come and join in this celebration. All classes will be walking up to St Albans church on Monday 30th October at 9.30am. Please let your child's teacher know if you have a DBS check and are able to accompany us on our visit.

Science and Computing

During science lessons our topic will be 'Animals including humans' and in Computing we will be looking at how to use the world wide web to research castles and will focus on internet safety.

PE

In PE the children will be taught by our PE specialist, Mr Karia. This half term they will be learning to play command style games and working on their general fitness.

Uniform and PE kit

Please ensure that children come to school with the correct uniform that is clearly labelled with their name. Children need to have a full PE kit in school at all times please. For PE, earrings need to be taken out by the children or they need to come to school without them. PE days are as follows – Miss Leatham (Y1) – Thursday, Miss Liddane (Y1/2) – Thursday, Mrs Leatherland (Y2) – Friday.

For a more detailed look at our curriculum, please refer to our curriculum map on the school website.

We look forward to an exciting and productive half term! Thank you for your continued support.

The Key Stage One Team 😊