

# Year One Newsletter

Our units for the term:

**Focusing on history, science, DT and PSHE.**

**Driving question: How can we encourage people to lead a healthy lifestyle?**

**Why are castles important to Britain?**

## **Update:**

Welcome to term 6 in Year 1, your child's final term before moving onto Year 2. This term is very busy so in order to keep you updated with dates and events please make sure you check the list at the bottom of the newsletter.

As usual, we will be discussing what the children would like their class reward to be when we return from Term 6.

## Literacy

Our new story for the term is '**Jack and the Beanstalk.**' We will be learning our version of this defeating the monster story over the next few weeks then the children will be writing their own. We have provided a copy of the story for you to share at home. Look out for similes (e.g. as fast as a cheetah), synonyms (e.g. huge for big and towering for tall) as well as good story language and speech. Later in the term, we will be looking at the book 'Fruits and Vegetables' and thinking about how we can live a healthy lifestyle.

**At home:** Try reading other defeating the monster stories for example, The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

## Phonics

We will continue to learn, read and write our Set 1, 2 and 3 Read Write Inc phonics so we are ready for Year 2. Your children will be completing a phonics screening check to assess their phonics knowledge.

**At home:** Support your child at home, learning set 3 sounds using these links.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EqHpY6ul/rQQJwr40>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fiG9i4Ds/gxZkIB67>

## Maths

In maths, initially we will be exploring numbers to 100 through tens and ones and comparing numbers. We will then move onto looking at money and adding small amounts of money as well as learning to tell the time with o'clock and half past. We will be using the story 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' by Debi Gliori.

**At home:** Talk with your children about the different coins we have and let them use coin's to pay for items in a shop. Also look at clocks with them and introduce them to o'clock and half past,

## PE

PE will be on a Monday for Holly class and Wednesday for Hazel class. This will normally be outside as long as the weather permits. We will be practicing for sports day by looking at our athletics skills of; throwing, jumping and running. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school with trainers and socks and is not wearing earrings on PE days.

## Creative Curriculum

Our focus will primarily be history over the first few weeks. We will also be learning about castles in the past and comparing them to castles today. The children will be designing, making and evaluating the design of their own castle.

In science, the pupils will be learning how to name trees and plants and the parts that make up these: roots, petals, leaves, stem and branches. They will explore the local environment to spot plants they can draw and label. We will also be growing beans and learning how to look after these.

We will go onto looking at healthy food and where these foods come from. Then explore what we need to do to make sure we have a healthy lifestyle. This will then help us to advise a Knight what they need to do to be healthy.

**Knights and Princesses Day** -Please send your child to school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June dressed as a character who would live in a castle.

## Forest School

We will continue to do Forest School this term. It will be on Monday for Hazel class and Wednesday for Holly class. Please make sure the children have suitable forest school clothes kits on these days.

## Dates

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics screening check**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – knights and princesses dress up day**

**Trip to Broughton Castle – TBA separate letter to follow.**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day year 1 and 2 9am**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day, school closed.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – last day of term.**

Here is a copy of our story we will be learning:

Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a poor boy called Jack who lived with his mother in a ramshackle house. They were starving and cold.

One warm and sunny day his mother said: "Go to the market and sell the cow but make sure you get a good price for her."

Later that afternoon Jack set off. He plodded and he plodded and he plodded until he got to the market. He sold the cow but unfortunately all he got was beans, big brown beans.

When he got home he put the beans on the table. His mother looked at the big brown beans. She threw the beans out of the window because she was furious!

The very next day the beans had grown into a towering beanstalk which was as tall as a house.

So Jack decided to climb the beanstalk. He climbed and he climbed and he climbed until he reached the top.

When he got to the clouds he spied a huge castle in the distance. He ran as fast as a cheetah towards the castle. First, he pushed open the huge door. Next, he crept in slowly.

Inside the castle he spied his mother's old hen that laid golden eggs.

"This will solve all our problems" Jack thought.

As quick as a flash he grabbed the hen.

Suddenly he heard ...

"FIE FI FO FUM. I smell the blood of an English man!" Jack saw two, giant feet!

Jack was nimble, Jack was quick. He ran and he ran and he ran down the towering beanstalk. Unfortunately the huge giant chased after him and climbed down the beanstalk too. Fortunately Jack grabbed a nearby axe and he chopped and he chopped and he chopped until the colossal beanstalk came tumbling down!

At that moment the terrifying giant tumbled to the ground and that was the end of him. Jack, his mother and the hen that laid golden eggs lived happily ever after.