# Oak Class Newsletter February 2018

Welcome back, time feels like it is flying with another half term completed. This half term is very exciting as we are going on a whole school visit to the Castle Museum.

We will also be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. A day where the children can wear a crown in school which they have made at home. We are looking forward to seeing all of the lovely designs!

Thank you to all of the parents who have been putting observations up on Tapestry and sharing what you do at home. The children have really enjoyed showing them at school. If you would like any support with setting up your account or password please don't hesitate to ask!

Our school topic for this half term is: Castles and Dragons Our enquiry question is: Who is the King of the Castle?

#### English

In English we have shared our half term experiences and Year 1 wrote a recount of theirs. We will also write a recount about our visit to the Castle Museum. We will also be sharing lots of different castle stories and thinking about the story settings.

#### **English in Sycamore Class**

We will be writing recounts about our half term holidays and our visit to the Castle Museum. We will also be designing our own castles and writing a description of them in the style of an estate agents advertisement

#### Maths

In Maths we will be developing our addition and subtraction skills using a range of strategies and resources. We will also be looking at different 2D and 3D shapes names.

#### Maths in Sycamore Class

We will be learning about addition and subtraction and investigating manipulating numbers within a calculation. We will also look at measures and then investigating 2D and 3D shape including shape names and fractions of shape.

## Learning Across the Curriculum

Throughout this term our topic focus is Castles and Dragons. We will be thinking about the different materials that we may find in the castle as well as any historical events and the geographical location of the Castle Museum and other castle settings.

While focussing on castles it gives us a great opportunity to explore our design and technology skills through planning and designing a castle of our own with the final step of constructing it ourselves .We will also be using our computing skills to create a motion picture of a castle.

#### Reminders

Library day has now changed to a Thursday.

PE kits to be in school and for everything to be named please. Girls to have hair up for PE and we strongly recommend earnings are removed or taped.

Parent/ Teacher evenings will start on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### How to Support at Home

Look out for your regular look, say, cover, write, check sheets and for spellings on Tapestry. We would love to hear your views and feedback through the comments section on Tapestry. Class Dates Castle Museum Visit- 26<sup>th</sup> February World Book Day- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March Sharing Afternoon –Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Parents Evenings - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Oak Class Assembly- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2:30pm

## **Powerful Vocabulary**

'Castles are built for royalty

'Castles have bars at the front to protect the King' 'They have flags for the different countries'.

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