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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

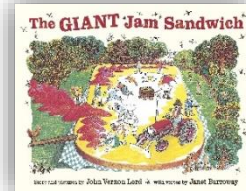
## YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

I hope you had a lovely time over the half term break. We have jumped right back in to our learning in Year 1 and the children have already enjoyed investigating and exploring our new topics. Castle designing, castle building, medieval banquets and roleplaying as kings, queens and knights are just some of the exciting activities we are going to be working on this term!

Please see below for a rundown of our topics for this term:

**English** - traditional tales and story writing, nonfiction instruction writing

Key texts include: 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woollvin and 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' by John Vernon Lord



**Maths** - addition and subtraction to 10, place value to 20, geometry and shapes

**History** - Kings, Queens and Castle Adventures!

**Computing** - 'We are Treasure Hunters' (using programmable toys - an introduction to algorithms)

**R.E** - Christian marriage, baptism and the festival of Christmas

**P.E** - Multi-sports

**Music** - Light and Dark (contrasting sounds)

**Art** - Drawing skills (focusing on castles)



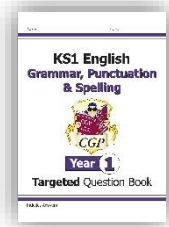
### Reading

Please continue to read with your child every day. This consistency is crucial for their development in Year 1 and affects their learning in every subject. As a reminder, I have included the purpose of each book sent home from school but please do not feel limited to these books. Please do record in their Reading Journals any reading you do with them at home.

**Phonic books** - this book often appears easier to read and your child should be able to read it fluently with little to no support from you. The purpose of this book is for your child to recap phonic sounds previously learnt and practise identifying them throughout the book. After reading it for a couple of nights in a row to gain fluency, see if they can spell some of the words in the book - even see if they can retell you (or write!) the story out themselves, focusing particularly on the phonic sounds and spellings.

In addition, these sites contain fun phonics games that could be used at home for further practice: [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

**Reading books** – the book chosen for your child, is directly correlated with their reading level they have been benchmarked at. This level takes into account not only their ability to decode new words, but also their fluency, accuracy and comprehension of the text. Please see the sheet attached for question suggestions for what to ask when you read this book with them to help develop their understanding of a text.



### **Homework**

Thank you for continuing to support your child in returning their homework folders to school every Monday and spelling books every Friday. A schedule of pages to be completed for homework this term was sent home last week in your child's homework folder. Please refer to this throughout the term to ensure the correct pages are completed.



### **P.E.**

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child's correct winter P.E. kits are always in school. This includes plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a blue school hoodie to wear over their PE shirt. If your child wears tights to school, please remember to include a pair of socks for PE too. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named to avoid any confusion!

Finally, Year 1 won the attendance trophy on the last week of last term! The children are so proud! Please continue to ensure your child is at school, on time every day.

Thank you for all your help in supporting your child's learning at home. If you every have any questions, please feel free to drop an email to the front office or catch me in the playground.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dawson  
Year 1 Class Teacher