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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring 2 is upon us and we have another busy and exciting term ahead.

Here are some upcoming key dates for your diary – more information will follow about these:

- ☆ We will be visiting Skipton Castle on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- ☆ Our next Class Assembly will be on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ☆ Parent Workshops will continue with Mrs Patterson on Monday afternoons at 2:40pm.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing please speak to the class teachers, or for a longer appointment, please speak to the office to arrange a convenient time. We are always happy to help.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Grimshaw

Miss Anyan

Mrs Patterson

and Miss Lucas



# Owls Class Newsletter

## Spring 1 2017

### Topic

This term our topic is:



## Castle Adventures

This is a history and science focused topic.

In **History** the children will be taught about the features and uses of castles. They will learn about the different people that lived and worked there and the history surrounding castles. They will also be taught about the traditions and customs that were part of castle life. We will think about similarities and differences between life then and now. This links with our **maths** work on time.

In **Geography** the children will be taught how to locate the UK on a map and a globe and about all the countries that make up the UK. They will be taught how to recognise positioning of castles on aerial photographs and the physical and human features that surround them. This links with our **maths** topic of position and direction.

In **Science** we will be looking at different materials and thinking about their properties and how they are used for different purposes.

### 1 2 + 3 = Maths

In Maths we will continue to practice our number and place value skills. We will be ordering numbers, and working towards recognising the value of each digit.

**Key Focus:** Counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s, from any number.

We will practice addition and subtraction, using objects and number tracks and solving word problems.

**Key Focus:** Addition vocabulary; addition, add, plus, more, more than, altogether. Subtraction vocabulary; subtraction, subtract, minus, take away, less, less than.

We will look at fractions of shapes and small numbers.

**Key Focus:** We will learn about the whole, half and begin to think about quarters of shapes and amounts.

Also, this term we will begin to look at position and direction and time.

**Key Focus:** use simple compass directions and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right, to describe the location of features and routes on a map.



### English

We will be continuing our focus on retelling traditional stories.

Our first text will Sleeping Beauty and we will be developing our writing skills further using common punctuation, adjectives for description, and using repeated phrases from the story. The children will be encouraged to re-read their own writing and begin to edit and improve upon their own ideas.

We will also be looking at instructions again! We will read Monstersaurus and learn all about the different features used when writing instructions before having a go at writing instructions for making a monster ourselves.

We will also be continuing to develop our **reading** and **phonics** skills, and getting ready for the year 1 phonics assessment in June. We are continuing to learn our Phase 5 sounds and we are doing lots of practice now that we have learned different ways to spell some of the sounds we knew already.

### Reminders:

- ☆ Please ensure that **all** of your child's belongings are labelled. This includes coats, pumps, and lunch bags. If your child has lost something, please come and check the lost property box.
- ☆ Children need their P.E. kits in school at all times.
- ☆ Please bring planners and reading books in every day. Books will be changed once a week, provided that they have read at home and it has been recorded in their planner. We ask that you read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- ☆ Owls 1 homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following Tuesday.
- ☆ All KS1 children are entitled to a universal free lunch, however milk should be paid for on a termly basis.

