

Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2

We will be continuing our focus on retelling stories.

One of our texts this half term is Sleeping Beauty. 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 for making a monster ourselves.

In addition, we will be continuing to develop our Phonics skills, and getting ready for the Year One Phonics assessment in June.

In Mathematics we will continue to practise our number and place value skills. We will be ordering numbers to 50, 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 be practising 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.

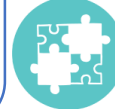


Our topic this half term is Castles.

We will visit Skipton Castle on Tuesday
26th February 2019.



We will be comparing life in a castle to our
lives now.



In Science, we will be focusing on different materials and thinking about their properties and how they are used for different purposes.

We will be completing experiments to decide which material may be best for a certain 'castle' dilemma.

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.

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.

Class Blogs: to facilitate the learning process, we regularly post learning materials online. The content of the Class Blogs will enable parents to support their child at home.

