

## Year 1 Newsletter – Issue 3

### Welcome back

We hope you all had a lovely week off with your children and we welcome you back to what is a long 8-week half-term of learning.

### Home learning Challenge

The term has started off well with many children bringing in some lovely work linked to the 'castles' home learning challenge. We hope to see more over the next few weeks.

### Topic

This half-term our topic is called 'Towers, Turrets and tunnels. During this topic we will be learning about a variety of things.

**As historians** we will be finding out about significant historical people and places linked to our local area. These will include: Porchester Castle, Southsea Castle, Queen Elizabeth II and King Henry VIII.

**As designers** we will be designing, making and evaluating a moving portcullis for a castle using a simple sliding mechanism. We will also be planning and preparing party food for an end of topic celebration!

**As artists** We will be looking at portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and King Henry VIII and creating our own versions using a variety of media.

**As musicians** we will be learning and practicing the songs for our Christmas Performance.

**In computing** we will be learning how to use the web-based resource 'Purplemash'. We will also be learning about keeping safe online and making sure we understand that passwords should not be shared with others (except parents!). Children will be bringing home a login card to help them log in from home whenever they wish as home access is part of our school subscription.

**In RE** our focus for this half-term will be nativity journeys.

### PE

As the weather is now getting colder can all parents please ensure their children have a pair of **jogging trousers** and a **jumper** in their PE kits as well as their usual **shorts** and **t-shirt**. We will be wearing the warmer clothes for our outdoor lessons, but children will still need shorts and t-shirt for the indoor lesson each week.

### Lacey Library

The class visits to the library have now resumed. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's class teacher know. The anticipated date of the next visit for each class is detailed below.

Class 5 – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Class 6 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Class 4 – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

### Reading Challenge

The Year 1 reading challenge has now begun! Well done to all of the children that have handed in their signed reading records each day since the start of term. These children have already got off the start on the class tracking sheets and they have received their first reward. The children will receive their first reward when they have read at home (and had their book signed by a parent) five times. They will receive a

second reward when they have read at home 10 times. They will receive their third reward after 15 reads at home and so on.

**Year 1 Learning stars of the fortnight:**

 <b>Tough Tortoise</b>	 <b>Sensible Squirrel</b>	 <b>Wise Owl</b>	 <b>Busy Bee</b>
<p><b>4</b>  <b>Evelyn</b>            for persevering with full stops.</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>Bluebell</b>            for using the classroom resources to help her in English.</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>Lewis</b>            for trying to improve his presentation.</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>Tim</b>            for helping his peers with their work.</p>
<p><b>5</b>  <b>Jack</b>            for never giving up with his writing even when he finds it a challenge</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Isobelle</b>            for trying really hard to remember to use the working wall to help her spelling.</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Bethany</b>            for listening to feedback on her writing and working hard to improve her work.</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Harry</b>            for helping other children with their learning.</p>
<p><b>6</b>  <b>Natalia</b>            for never giving up even when she finds something challenging.</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Ty</b>            for using the English working wall to help him with his writing.</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Quan</b>            for independently correcting his sentence so that it included clear finger space.</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Tom</b>            For helping his learning partner in a very caring manner.</p>

**Purplemash Home access**

This term the children will be bringing home their new login details for our online subscription to Purplemash. It is a brilliant resource full of computing activities children can do at home and you will also be able to see any work children have completed during some of their computing lessons in school. This is provided free of charge by the school for the children to use on their computers / tablets at home. Please keep an eye out for these small cards in your child's book bags and ensure their login details are kept private. As part of our teaching about e-safety we have taught the children that their login and password is for themselves (including a mum/dad/guardian) and must be kept secret from others in order for them to stay safer online.

**Christmas Performance**

Over the next couple of weeks we will be finalising our character parts and costume requirements for this year's Christmas performance. Keep an eye out for further information in a separate letter.

**Book Fair**

Thank you very much to all the parents that visited the book fair. As a result of all your purchases we have £296.50 to spend on new books for the school library.