



# KS1 Parent Newsletter



## KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

This half term we will be delving into the past and exploring castles within History. As part of this we will discuss the different features of castles and why these features were important during invasion.

Children have settled into their new RWI groups and will continue to send home reading books for you to enjoy together.

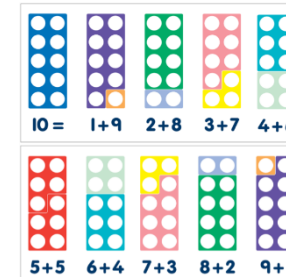
## WRITING



During our writing sessions we will be exploring writing different genres this half term. We are using our personal experiences to create our own poems and recounts of events. We will be continuing to develop our understanding of how to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write sentences. We will also be using adjectives and conjunctions to enhance our sentences.

## MATHS

We will be understanding the methods within addition and subtraction. We will be looking at using our number bonds to 10 and how they can be used to solve addition and subtraction number sentences. We will be using a variety of resources such as double-sided counters and deines to help us to this.



## WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

One of the best ways to support your child at home is to share a book together every night. Talk about the pictures, the characters, the events and the setting. Discuss the vocabulary and make predictions about what might happen next.

We will send weekly spellings home for you to practise with your child. Your child may not be able to use their phonics to spell these words correctly as they are high frequency words.

We will post on class dojo with updates on our learning, take the time to talk together about this and engage with our posts.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Please be mindful that the run up to Christmas whilst being exciting can also be very busy and stressful for all involved. There are lots of activities going on and children will naturally be tired. Where possible we recommend sticking to a routine.

For more information on bedtimes and sleeping:

<https://www.betterhealthatworkaward.org.uk/The%20Good%20Night%20Guide%20for%20Children.pdf>

We recommend no screens before bed, a bath or shower and story together.

If you are struggling with any aspect of starting school or would like any help, advice or just a chat please speak to your child's teacher, Miss Bartle (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Stringwell (Learning Mentor). We are all more than happy to help.

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL/KEY DATES FOR KS1

All parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our learning, in and out of school, at our Friday assembly. Please enter through the main entrance after drop off where will be pleased to welcome you into school, with refreshments. Miss Bartle and Mrs Stringwell are both around at this time.



KS1 will be going on a school trip to Skipton Castle.  
**15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Year 1 children**  
**17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Year 2 children.**

As the trip is outdoors, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear for the day.

