

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term in Year 1! First of all, we would like to thank all the parents for their continued support last half-term. We were really proud of all the children's achievements both in school and at home. We are really looking forward to having everyone back into school on the 8th March, where we will be off timetable and have the opportunity to catch up with our friends and think about our core values for this half term; thankfulness and generosity. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs Marshall into 1D and wish Mrs Dunne a speedy recovery.

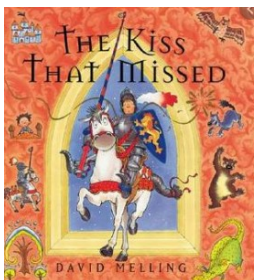
Routines: Please can I remind you that P.E days are Mondays and Thursdays and that PE kits will need to be in school. Spellings will continue to go out on a Friday and be tested the following Friday. We will try our best to hand out reading books as quickly as we can after our return on the 8th March. Once your child has received their new reading books please can they continue to bring them in on their specific day to be changed. All children will need to bring their reading bags in on a Friday with their library book so we can change this also. We will also begin handing out homework again, this will continue to go out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday.



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

Easter week will take place week beginning 22nd March. Throughout the week we will focus on a different station of the cross through fun and creative activities.

Creative Curriculum: The topic for this half term is "**Tunnels, towers and turrets**". We will have a focus on History and explore different features of castles! We will look at why we have them and who might have lived in them. Our Art lessons will be based around the artist 'Paul Klee' and we will be focusing on his abstract painting called 'Castle and the sun' and creating our own in his style. In Geography we will be learning about the UK countries and capital cities.



English: Our English lessons this half-term are based around the text "**The Kiss that Missed**" by David Melling. We will be continuing to write sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will introduce the use of exclamation marks in our writing and how to use the prefix 'un' in words. In addition to this we will also be looking at ways to make our writing more creative by writing our own setting descriptions.

Maths: In Maths, the children will begin by learning how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will then explore measure. We will compare and measure lengths and heights. At first we will use cubes and then we will use a ruler and centimeters! We will measure and compare mass using balance scales and cubes. Finally we will measure and compare capacity using small measuring cups.

Science: In Science, we will continue to investigate **Materials**. Throughout this unit we will continue to explore different materials and their properties. We will investigate how absorbent and magnetic certain materials are and sort materials into man-made or natural.

R.E: We will be focusing on the question '**Why does Easter matter to Christians?**'. We will recognise that incarnation and salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible. We will tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation.

We wish you all the best and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 1 Team