

Dear Parents/Carers,

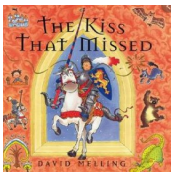
Welcome back to another busy and exciting half-term in Year 1! We had a very enjoyable afternoon sharing old toys with the children's grandparents. We also had a brilliant trip to Ilkley Toy Museum, I'm sure the children told you all about it!

Routines: Most of the routines from last half term remain in place. PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays (1DT) and Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1M). **Reading bags with their reading books and diaries, need to be brought to school every day.** Reading takes place twice a day in the form of group reads as well as individual readers. Reading books and homework will be collected in on Thursdays. Spellings will be given out and tested on Friday. These will be a combination of statutory spelling rules and non-negotiable words.

Creative Curriculum: The topic for this half term is "**Fairy tales and Castles**". We will have a focus on **History** and will 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 picture in his style. In **Geography** we will be learning about the UK countries and capital cities.



Design and Technology: This half term we will be designing and making a castle structure as our project. We will then evaluate our structure against success criteria.



English: Our English lessons this half-term are based around the text "**The Kiss that Missed**" by David Helling. 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 be looking at place value within 50. This will include numbers to 50, looking at one more and one less, comparing and ordering objects and numbers and then counting in 2's and 5's. We will also look at weight and volume—measuring and comparing mass and capacity.

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. We will also work on our working scientifically skills, through experiments and fair tests.

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.

PSHE: As part of our PSHE lessons we will be looking at living in the wider world with a focus on money. We will look at what the different types of currency are, what we can spend money on, whether we should spend or save and how we can look after our money. Our **British value** for this half term is 'Individual Liberty'.

Music: We will look at creating a 'music map' that will be inspired by a walk. The children will then perform this.

PE: The children will focus on tag rugby and street dance.

Computing: In computing this half term we will be focusing on digital writing. We will be learning how to manipulate and create text: comparing writing on a computer to writing by hand.

Thank you in advance for your support and help this half term.

Miss Marlborough, Mrs Dunne and Miss Thackeray