

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We hope that you and your children had a fantastic Christmas break! We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term and we would like to remind you about weekly parent drop in - '**Welcome Wednesdays**.' Each Wednesday morning you will be able to stay with your child and explore the provision for 10 minutes. We can't wait to see you every Wednesday morning! Remember, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please come in and speak to the teacher.

Thank you, Year R Team

Spring 1 in Year R				
Our topic is: Dinosaurs + Castles and Knights				
Literacy	Maths	Phonics	Topic	PE
<p>We are continuing to give meaning to our marks and use sound mats to help us spell words.</p> <p>For our projects, Dinosaurs and Castles and Knights, a special surprise could be appearing! We will be writing recipes and recounts of what we have seen.</p>	<p>We will continue our understanding of numbers; comparing and composing numbers 0-20.</p> <p>We will also be learning about mass and capacity so we will be making lots of comparisons using language such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more/less</li> <li>- heavier/lighter</li> <li>- full/empty</li> </ul> <p>It would be great if you could continue this at home.</p>	<p>We are continuing Floppy's Phonics! The children have almost finished Level 2 and are keen to start Level 3. Please continue reading with your children at home and look out for the extra support sheets for blending.</p> <p>So far this half term, we have done:</p> <p>qu, ch, sh, th, -ng.</p> <p>Sounds we still need to secure:</p> <p>-dge, -ve, wh, -cks, -tch, -nk</p>	<p>Our main projects this half term are going to be Dinosaurs and Castles and Knights. However, we will also be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chinese New Year</li> <li>- Equality and Diversity Day</li> <li>- World Book Day</li> <li>- Valentine's Day</li> <li>- Holi Festival (Hindu Festival of Colour)</li> </ul>	<p>We are exploring different movements in PE. Our PE days are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday so we need to remember our PE kits!</p> <p>It's really useful to keep our PE kits on our pegs for the half term so we always have them when we need them.</p>

## How can I help my child at home?

### Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

#### **Useful websites:**

BugClub

Phonics Play

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

We will also send out more websites linked to our learning in our weekly round up letter!

### Home Help!

#### **Reading and Book Talk:**

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home.

It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy, enthusiastic readers and develop a lifelong love of books!

### **Homework, home-reading and PE.**

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it. We'd love to see any homework that your child does so please bring it in to show us and pop onto the **Proud Cloud!**

Year R have PE on a **Monday, Wednesday (Seahorses) and Thursday (Starfish)**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit in and leave it on their peg because we will have two PE sessions per week. PE kit is yellow t-shirt, jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.