

Year 1 Newsletter Spring Term 2015

# *Dungeons and Dragons*

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome back and a **Happy New Year** to you all; I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. A big thank you from all the Year 1 staff for your kind Christmas gifts and cards; they were all very much appreciated!

As we start the new Spring term we look forward to building on the progress made, especially in **reading**, by all the children last term; reading at home with your child is of great benefit too so please continue with this. It is always very rewarding seeing the children achieve new goals and targets and I hope that this term will be another happy

Class routine stays the same this term with diary writing on a Monday morning. This term the children will be having a **phonics** spelling test each Friday. Spellings relating to the phonics scheme will be sent home the previous week to be learnt; this will hopefully help prepare your child for the Year 1 Phonics screening test in June. Our **games and PE** sessions remain the same on Monday afternoon and Friday morning; can you please ensure that your child has the correct full kit for these lessons as they form an important part of the school curriculum and your child's well-being. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns please arrange a time with me so we can discuss them together. Thank you!  
Yours sincerely,

Mr. Rowland and the Year 1 Team

This term our class topic is **Dungeons and Dragons**. As **geographers** we will be finding out about castles and learning how they were built. We will be describing where they are and looking at what these places are like. We will be using maps, Google Earth and photographs to help us describe the places we are studying. As **historians** we will be finding out about the way of life of people in the past. We will research castle life, looking at coats of arms, knights, fighting, food and the designs of castles. We will also find out about St. George and the dragon focusing on the difference between real history and made up stories about dragons. As **artists and designers** we will be drawing and printing castles and dragons looking closely at pattern and texture. As **story tellers** and **writers** we shall be focusing on the story of Zog along with other traditional tales about princesses and dragons. During **mathematics** we shall be learning about place value, shape, counting and money and problem solving including multiplication and fractions. In **Religious Education** we shall be studying faith stories about important religious leaders. As **scientists** we shall be focusing on the study of animals including humans. Knowing how creative the children can be I am sure this new topic will inspire the children to be creative at home too so I look forward to seeing any pieces of home learning!

To enhance your child's topic work I have booked a trip to the **Tower of London** for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of March; more details will follow nearer the time.

Our class **assembly** will be on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm; all Year 1 parents and carers are welcome to come and share in celebrating the children's learning.