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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday; it sounds like the children have thoroughly enjoyed their time off. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for all your efforts in supporting the school whether that be with reading with your child, homework, school events, class parties etc. The Regents team would also like to wish you a happy new year! We are all excited to continue working with and supporting your child in 2024.

Castles and Cathedrals.

This term our history topic is called 'Castles and Cathedrals'. This is a fantastic topic which allows us to look at a range of different castles and its features, why they were built and who might live in them. We will also explore castles using VR headsets. In English, we will be looking at the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk whilst also exploring George and the Dragon and Robin Hood. The children will be partaking in lots of storytelling, sequencing, roleplaying, and writing. Maths this term is all about money, the value of pounds and pence, and adding different values to get to a given number using lots of shop roleplay. In Science the children will be beginning to look at everyday materials and their properties including investigating magnetic materials. We will conduct simple investigations regarding what material is the most suitable for a specific task. In RE the children will begin to think about another religion, Islam, and the similarities and differences between that and Christianity. In D.T. the children will be making castles and looking specifically at defence strategies. In PSHE children will be exploring self-respect, respecting others, protected characteristics and equality. Computing will revolve around programming robots; we will be using the Beebots to work on directions and giving commands. P.E. this term will be gymnastics. The children will be exploring different ways to balance, jump and roll and will be creating and performing a range of sequences and routines.

PE

Children will have the same PE session as last term; this is on a Tuesday with myself and Thursday with JB sports. Please make sure PE kits are in school for this and **everything** is named.

Wednesdays

This is my PPA day which Mrs Osborne covers. If you have any important messages, please can I direct you to either messaging Mrs O directly on the class Dojo or ringing into school.

Weather appropriate clothing.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather (hats, gloves, scarves etc). As always, we ask that **everything** is clearly labelled with your child's name, so we can return any lost items to the correct child.

Homework

I have absolutely loved seeing everyone's efforts with their Castles. Homework will continue to be handed out each Friday. Please ensure your child brings their homework back to school so Dojo points can be given accordingly.

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Reading Books

Thank you for your continued efforts with supporting your child with their daily reading. We can really see the impact that this is having on their phonics, communication and language and writing. Please ensure you are writing in your child's reading record when you have read with them. 2 dojo points will be given **every day** they read. That's a total of 14 dojo points including the weekend that they could earn.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that the school has a uniform policy which must always be followed. We have noticed some children coming to school in clothing which is not part of our uniform (e.g. trainers and hoodies). Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo. Let's make 2024 the best year yet.

Kind regards,
Miss Maclean

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