



Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new year and a new term. The KS1 team would like to extend their thanks to all of our parents and carers for their Christmas wishes and kind gifts. We hope that you have all had a super Christmas and a very happy new year.

This term our topics are 'Towers, Turrets and Tiaras' and 'Dungeons and Dragons!' Full details of both topics can be found on our curriculum map, which can be accessed via our school website. As you know the children will also be visiting Hedingham Castle this half term. You will have seen an email with details of how to give permission and pay for this trip but please speak to one of us if you have any queries.

The children will continue to be taught in year group sets for Maths and Phonics, their English lessons will be in their class groups. This half term Tigers class will have forest school sessions every Wednesday, Lions and Leopards will have Music with Mrs Chilver and PE with Mr Marks.

Supporting your child at home

We say this every term but reading really is the single most important thing that you can do to support your child at home - listen to them read, read to them, talk about stories and share books. Try to do something every day, and please record your reading activities in your child's reading record.

We also encourage the children in school to be independent learners and we would really appreciate your support at home with this. Things like looking after and being responsible for their own belongings as well as getting changed/dressed on their own would be advantageous and help with their development.

School Uniform

All pupils should wear plain black shoes (not black trainers) for school. Due to lack of space in our cloakrooms, we actively encourage children to bring their reading book and reading record in a book bag rather than a rucksack. Rucksacks will be more appropriate in KS2 when they each have a locker.

A word about PE kits

PE is part of the National Curriculum. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times, as we don't have spare. Each child needs to have: a plain white T shirt, burgundy shorts and trainers. As we enter into the coldest part of the year, they will also need tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. Spare socks for the girls who wear tights are also a good idea.

Naming Items

Please name everything! Our lost property drawers soon become full of unnamed items, and it is almost impossible to return them to their rightful owner if they don't have a name on them.

We are looking forward to the exciting term ahead. Thank you for all your continued support.

The KS1 Team