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Dear Parents and Grandparents,

Welcome back!

Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts during the festive season. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas break and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2020.

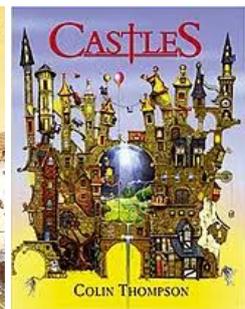
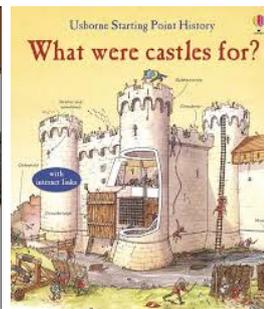
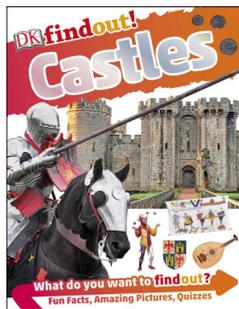
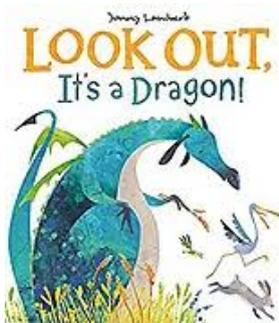
We are kicking off Term 3 with a new topic.....

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



We will be visiting Cardiff Castle on Thursday, 23rd January which will definitely ignite the enthusiasm of all the children. Caldicott Castle is just across the bridge and it's FREE, so if you fancy visiting one yourself, it's a great day out!

Here are some of the fabulous books that we will be exploring during our learning journey;



Thank you for all the reading you do with your children at home. It makes a massive impact on their learning and you can really see this flow through into their writing too!

Please continue to practise the phonic sounds and common exception words inside the reading diaries too.

The reading challenge, 'Race Around the World' is seeing children zooming to all kinds of different landmarks. For every 15 reads they complete (please record this in their reading diaries), children receive a certificate to show they have reached a new destination. Keep up the fabulous reading!

Spellings

On our website, you can find the common exception words (CEWs) for each year group. Children are expected to be able to read and spell these words by the end of either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. Whilst we focus on these during our phonics lessons, it is useful if you revisit these at home as well.



Please find Term 3's homework activities attached. As always, these are intended to be fun activities that suit all learning styles. These are not compulsory, however it would be lovely to see at least one thing from every child.

Feel free to come up with other ideas for learning at home – your ideas might be better than mine! In the last week of term, we have a 'home learning sharing afternoon', where children celebrate all their fabulous creations and ideas.



Please support your child in remembering to bring the following items to school each day;

Wellies (you can leave these at school)

Water bottle (just water please!)

Reading books and reading folders

P.E kit (P.E is on Wednesdays and Thursdays and you can leave the kits at school)

Coat

Jumper

It is really important that your child has their P.E kits every day. For those children who have tag rugby on Friday, the kits will often come home to be washed. Please make sure they come back in on Monday.

Thank you to all of you who make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle. There are still lots of children who are forgetting to bring theirs in, so just a friendly reminder to make sure your child does have one.

As always, the door is always open, so please pop in and have a chat anytime!

Kindest regards,

Philippa Gatehouse.