



Hazel Leys Academy Year 1 Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Koala Class

We hope you had a lovely Summer break. Mrs Mockford and Mrs Russell are very pleased to welcome you into Year 1. We continue to be lucky in having Mrs Clark supporting us in class some days too. We are looking forward to working with you and producing lots of fabulous work in Koala Class.

Our topic this term is called 'A knight in shining armour'. We will be learning about castles and who lived and worked in them.

Message from Mrs Mockford – *"Unfortunately over the holidays I managed to break my upper arm. The Doctor had to operate on my arm to fix it which means I am having to wear a sling as it repairs and heals. Sadly this means I can not come into school until it is better and I can move it properly. I know there will be some wonderful adults working with Koala class and I will be checking on how the children are doing all of the time! I am hoping to be able to come in and see them too!"*

Spring Term 1 Learning

English – We will be reading the story of 'The Princess and the Wizard' by Julia Donaldson. The children will be making invitations, retelling the story and looking at rhyming words.

Maths – Our focus this term will be numbers and place value. This will include counting forwards and backwards and recognising different numbers.

Science – The children will be exploring different materials and learn how to identify the similarities and differences between them.

RE – We will be looking at how we can look after the world.

Design and Technology – The class will be designing and making their own Castles. Can we defend it from invaders?

Geography/History – We will be learning the history of Castles and where they are around the country.

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on those days.

Dates for your diary -

2nd and 3rd September – Teacher training day

4th September – School open for pupils

9th September – Year 1 and year 2

Medieval Day. It will be great to see your child dressed in traditional medieval wear.

12th September – Mindfulness Day

13th September – Roald Dahl Day

16th September – 20th September – HLA Sports Week and House Competition Week

16th September – Dogs Trust Visit

20th September (TBC) – Triathlon Event

25th September – National Fitness Day

26th September – European Day of

Languages – special lunchtime menu

2nd October – Waste free lunch challenge

3rd October – National Poetry Day

7th October – 11th October – Arts Week

8th October – Year 1 and 2 trip to Rockingham Castle

14th October – 25th October – Parent Meetings – dates to be confirmed

22nd October – Individual photos

25th October - Harvest Award Assembly.

Parents of children receiving awards to be invited.

25th October - End of Term

Reading – Please continue to read with your child throughout the week.

Daily practice helps the most. If you sign their reading record, your child will get a smiley!

We will change the reading books Monday, Wednesday and Friday once the reading record has been signed.



Below are some of the Phonics we are covering this term. Can you please practice with your child. You can play games by building different words and rhyming strings. Ask you child about 'sound buttoning' the words! There are some great free sites to use

<https://gb.education.com/games/phonological-awareness>

Once the term gets underway we will be inviting parents into school to share what we do in Koalas. Can't Wait!

