

Dear Parents,

Our main aim this term is to settle the children into school so they become confident, happy and successful learners. Our topics this term is 'Marvellous Me', a great topic to settle the children, moving onto 'Knights, Castles and Dragons' towards half term and continuing after half term.

Important dates for the diary: - **Parents Evenings: 16th October (5.30-7.00pm) and 17th October (3.45-5.30pm)** - **Class Trip to Warwick Castle with Class 2: 1st November 2017** - **Nativity performance: 14th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm**

Miss Boor

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- New beginnings, settling into school – introduce Year Six buddies
- Circle time - who do I love and why?
- Making friends
- Brown paper bag – children to decorate with their favourite things. Children to talk about during circle time
- Looking at and matching baby photos to the children in the class

Communication and Language

- Sharing and telling stories
- Introduce Paddington
- Role play area – 'House' and 'Castle' (which will be made with the

Physical Development

- Learning how to control our bodies
- Balancing skills
- Ball control skills
- Weekly Forest school sessions
- Fine motor skills developed through using scissors, tweezers, beads, play dough, pegs and construction
- Personal hygiene – what should we do every time we go the toilet (little reminders)

Marvellous Me/Knights, Castles and Dragons Topic Map

Mathematics

- Counting games – in the correct order
- Learning counting rhymes – Five Speckle Frogs, 5 little ducks, 5 current buns, 5 little monkeys
- Counting and matching numbers to numeral representatives. (1 – 5 and beyond)
- Introducing numicon via 'Number of the day/week' – create a number line in the classroom
- Learning the shapes names and properties
- Introduce the concept of money to the children

Literacy

- Focus books:
 - Zog/Zog and the Flying Doctors
 - In the castle
 - Why Why Why did Knight wear heavy armour?
- Learning to write our name
- Focus on hearing initial sounds in words
- Letter formation
- Beginning Phase 2 phonics
- Labelling a castle
- Sequencing a story
- Learning a story through 'Talk 4 Writing'

Understanding the World

- Why is Christmas special for Christians?
- Performing our Nativity play
- Being Special: where do we belong?
- Have a castle feast
- Children to attend 'Knight School'
- Building bridges out of different materials
- Using the LearnPads to draw a castle
- Class trip to Warwick Castle on 1st November
- Listening to medieval music using the CD player

Expressive Art and Design

- Design and make shields
 - Making castle pictures linked to Paul Klee 'Castle and sun'
 - Design and build large cardboard box castles in groups
 - Moving pictures – jousting horse
 - Making crowns
 - Making dragon scales
 - Making dragon teeth
 - Castle role play area
 - Designing our own banquet plates
- N/B: Please feel free to add to our topic by reading related stories and non-fiction books with your child at home or visit related places which they can then share with their classmates.☺