



## Spring Grove Primary School

### Year One Spring Term News Update

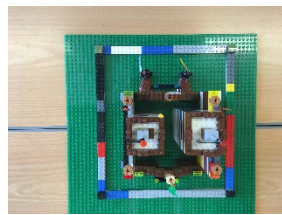
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and relaxing break and enjoyed the celebrations. This term our exciting new topic is called **Castles and Victorians**. We will begin the term learning about different castles and the children will have the opportunity to discover how castles were made, where they are located and become more aware of the differences between a castle and a palace. The children will explore the different aspects of castle life and we will finish the topic with a banquet where they can come to school dressed up as a character from the castle (shhh, don't tell them just yet!). We will then move onto learning all about Victorians after the February half term.

**Homework:** To support the children with their homework this half term we will spend some time in school designing their very own castles. The children will then bring their designs home and use a range of materials found around the home to construct their castle before bringing the completed castle to school. This project will take most of the term to complete as the children will be learning about all the different parts of a castle in school. Once all the castles have been brought into school your child will share them with the rest of the class, we will encourage them to identify the different materials they have used and name the parts of the castle they have included in their model, for example the moat, drawbridge, turrets etc.

Here are some examples:



**In maths:** Our main focus this term will relate to recognising the place value of a number up to 50. We will be using objects to count and find the total using our number bonds to 10 (pairs of numbers that when added together make 10), for example **1 and 9** and **4 and 6**. Then we will move onto looking at number patterns using numbers up to 50 and thinking about how many tens and ones are in a given number, we will be able to place a given number on a number line and a number square. Finally, we will learn to recognise and identify what numbers come before and after a given number. We will also think about what digit changes or stays the same when we add a multiple of 10 (for example, 20, 30, 40 etc) to a given number. We will then be able to use all this understanding to solve addition and subtraction problems, ensuring that we use the correct mathematical language.

**Read write Inc:** We will continue to work in our small groups for our Read Write Inc sessions focusing on developing our phonics knowledge so we can improve our reading and writing ability. We will still have weekly guided reading sessions, after each session the children will have the opportunity to bring the text home to share with you. Please ensure that you spend some time to read with your child and to regularly check your child's yellow reading records for any comments that we have made to support home reading, please feel free to write in these books.

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If you need to contact me please do so via email [hambrier@springgrove.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:hambrier@springgrove.hounslow.sch.uk), or if you wish to discuss something in more detail please contact the office who will organise a phone conversation. If there are any urgent matters please call the office and they will let us know straight away.

Finally, when placing an order for school dinners we encourage you to share the lunch menu with your child and discuss with them what they do and don't like, if you would like to order milk for your child please do so through [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

Thank you for your on-going support.

Regards,

Mrs Hambrier and Mrs Brown and Mrs Nandra and Mrs Tyler ☺