

## ENGAINES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We would like to inform you what will be happening in Year One and Year Two this term.

The topics for this term are 'Boudica' and 'Castles' and much of our work will be based on these topics. We will link these topics to other areas of the curriculum such as Design Technology, Computing and Science. The children will also continue our Friday Forest School sessions where the children undertake creative and physical activities linked Geography, PSHE, PE, DT and Art.

In Literacy, we will be looking at many types of text and will include work on fact files, stories and riddles. We will share texts with the pupils, learn the texts through mapping and gestures, rewrite the texts and create our own adaptations of the texts. GPS is an essential element of Literacy and regular sessions of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling will take place. The children will be working on The Letters and Sounds Programme for learning or The Engaines Spelling Rules Programme. Early morning activities in Reading and Spelling will take place every morning so that the children become familiar with the sight words and common exception words from The National Curriculum.

The Accelerated Reading Programme will continue this year for our Year Two pupils. The children have been reassessed and reading books have been handed out based on their test scores. After each book has been read, reread and questions have been discussed with parents, an online comprehension quiz will be completed at school and then the children will choose a new book.

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When the children have scored three scores of 100% in a row then new books at a higher level will be issued. Please remember to date and sign the reading record whenever you hear your child read or when you share a bed time story with them.

Our Year One children will be able to access books from our colour coded collections of books and will need to read their book at home before it can be changed for a new one. Please be aware that the children will choose their own books and we do try to encourage them to look inside the book to see if it is one they would like to read. Occasionally your child will choose to pick a book they have had before. This provides a good opportunity for book review and question time. Year One children will have two occasions a week when they can change their reading books. Book changing usually takes place on Mondays and Fridays in class LN and class ME and on Tuesdays and Fridays in class SL. If your child has read their book numerous times and it is not a book changing day, then read with them a book or comic from home. Remember if your child is not in the mood to read to you then take the opportunity to read them a bed time story and note this down in their reading record.

We will do our very best to ensure that your child has book sharing time with a school member of staff once every two weeks or more regularly if possible. Reader of the week certificates will be given out to children who have shown progress in their reading or have read to their parents regularly.

In Numeracy we shall work on Money, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Measures and Shape. We would hope that the children work on number bonds and times tables as part of their regular homework tasks. In addition to our daily Numeracy sessions, we will also have regular sessions on Arithmetic and rapid recall of number bonds and multiplication. Different levels of challenge will be set accordingly.

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Our topic for our Science this term focuses on Materials and Seasonal Changes.

The children will learn French as their Modern Foreign Language and we will learn simple songs and phases. This term we shall learn simple greetings and the names for different foods.

In Art we will be working in the forest on creative tasks.

In Design Technology we will find out about Celtic foods and create our own Celtic berry porridges.

Our homework in Key Stage One is topic based. A new homework sheet will be available on 'Jotter' for this half term and the children can bring their homework in on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February to share with the class.

Team points will continue to be given out for good behaviour and fantastic work. The scores will be announced during whole school assembly each week.

We look forward to a fun filled term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Elmer, Mrs Nunn & Mrs Last.

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