

Lower Phase Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2015



All the staff in the Lower Phase Unit would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Castle Day - Wednesday 14th January

The staff and children all had a fantastic day on Wednesday being back in Medieval times. They had the opportunity to try jobs from that period of times, as well as use artefacts and materials from that era.

Make sure you check out the photos on the children's class page or Facebook.

Mathematics

Reception children have been reciting numbers to 20 and beyond, and practising writing numbers correctly.

We have also been doing lots of ordering of numbers, for example 5, 7 and 3. Which is smallest? Largest? Which number will be next in order? We are great at counting **up**, but also need to be able to count **back** in ones from a number – the "teen" numbers are tricky!

In **Literacy, Lower Phase** have started a fantastic new scheme called Read, Write Inc. The teachers spent two days training at the start of term and are all very enthusiastic about this new scheme. The children have been introduced to Fred the Frog and are working alongside daily phonics with reading and writing. We are very positive about this scheme and already the children are responding well.

The ICE zone has transformed into a castle. The knights can sit at their round table to write, there is a jester's area for joke writing and learning juggling skills - anything to entertain the king! The role play area is the castle's kitchen, where we even have the castle garden in which the children will be growing herbs to eventually use in bread making and lots, lots more....

In **Maths, Year 1** are extending their knowledge of number. We have started looking at partitioning in number with Tens and Units. We have recognised that this can be used in money, for example; 15p would be 1 x 10p coin and 5 x 1p coins. We have used many resources for these activities, straws in groups of 10, coins, cubes - can you think of more ideas?

Please remember that the children need to bring in £1 weekly as Snack money. This will also be covering cooking and DT materials.

