



# Pumpkin Newsletter



## Autumn Term 2019

If you are reading this at the start of the summer holidays, we wish you a good summer break! If you are reading this in September, welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely Summer break. We have some fantastic learning opportunities this term that we look forward to sharing with you!

### Learning Focus

Our main theme this term is **Castles** and in **Geography** we will be using a map of the UK to locate castles in our capital cities. We will use non-fiction books to learn about castles in different periods in **History**. In **Art** we will look closely at the images created on the Bayeux Tapestry. In **DT** our focus is mechanisms.

Our **Science** topic will be **Materials and their uses**. We will focus particularly on recyclable materials.

More details of this term's curriculum can be found on the school website.

### Activity Day

Rather than a 'hook day' at the beginning of each term, we will be having 'Activity Days' throughout the year. Our first activity day is on **Wednesday 18th September**. On this day we will be taking used materials (cardboard boxes, plastic pots and bottles, egg boxes and others) and creating our own model castles. Please start collecting clean materials over the summer holidays in preparation for this. Many Thanks.



### PE: Friday

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit, clearly **named**, long hair is tied back and earrings must be removed. Drawstring bags may be left in the cloakroom throughout the week/term. **No rucksacks please.**

### Home Learning

Exciting new Home Learning activities are in your child's home learning book. Home learning can be handed into the basket on any day, however they are checked each **Thursday**. Children are expected to **read a minimum of 3 times per week** and this is checked and rewarded with a sticker on a Thursday. Stickers are collected on bookmarks and those with enough stickers at the end of term will earn a reward. Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars are to be used each week please.

### School Web-Site

We like to keep everyone informed of what is happening in our school, so we ensure photos, blogs and work are sent to our school web site weekly. Please keep checking our web-site & blog page.

**Mrs Smith and Mrs Cooke**