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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Owls class from Mr Cella and Mrs Ford. We look forward to working alongside you all and getting to know both your children and yourselves throughout the year and having a fantastic learning journey together.

Maths and Literacy lessons

Children will be taught in ability groups for some of their Maths and English lessons using a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach. This will enable us to best meet the requirements of the individual. Where possible, some areas within these lessons may be linked to our topic.

In English, we shall be using a variety of different books and texts to develop our reading, understanding of language and our writing.

In Maths we shall be starting off with number and place value up to 100, going on to addition and subtraction and beginning to look at money, using denominations to solve addition and subtraction problems. To finish the term, we will look at multiplication and division.

The children will continue to learn their times tables and number bond facts, alongside regular reading, phonics and spelling opportunities. Help at home with all these activities is always important to children's progress.

Topic

This term the class topic will be Castles. As a history enthusiast myself, this topic really excites me and I hope that it will rub off on the children too. We'll start off looking at the Gunpowder Plot to develop children's historical questioning and sharing of opinions and thoughts. We'll look at how castles have been built through history and compare how castles look in the UK and in Japan. We'll use our scientific



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understanding of everyday materials to design and build a castle that could withstand an attack from our enemies. As we reach the end of the term, I would love for everyone to have gone home with a canvas art showing castles in the winter time – we'll work from pencil drawings to painting on canvas.

Music

West Sussex Music will be completing the second year of the cycle. We are very lucky to have Mr Mott coming back to share his expertise with the children. We will begin our lessons with untuned instruments.

PE

PE lessons with Aspire will continue on Thursday mornings. I'm really excited to be starting Real PE which will build on skills rather than the traditional PE which focuses more on games. This will be taught once a week alongside the Aspire lessons.

PSHCE & RE

In this area of the curriculum we will be looking at anti bullying, e-safety communication and rules and responsibilities. RE will be taught on Thursdays, covering Harvest and the giving of gifts.

Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible and keep practicing times tables and/or number bonds at home. We look forward to an exciting term with your children.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Cella