

Year 1 Learning Update 12.06.2026



What we've been learning this week:

The **Phonics Screening Checks** went fantastically. The whole school is so proud of your wonderful children! Now we just need to work on improving the children's reading fluency and prosody (rhythm, stress and intonation). Any and all reading helps. You might want to read a sentence and encourage your child to copy your prosody.

Our trip to Mountfitchet Castle was wet but wonderful. The children had a fantastic time exploring the reconstructed motte and bailey castle, with battering ram, mine, main gate, grand hall etc. etc. We saw chain mail, swords and helmets (and tried some on). We went in the stocks and the prisoner cage. Some of the statues were a little unsettling for some, and the high towers warranted a little bravery. The children did admirably and made us proud (again!)

Phonics



Phonics screening check revision (checks are taking place next week)
/ai/ eigh aigh ey ea in eight straight grey break
/n/ kn gn in knee gnaw
/m/ mb in thumb
/ear/ ere eer in here deer
Tricky words: busy beautiful pretty hour

English

Using adjectives to write sentences to describe a castle.
Learning our legend using our text map.
Making our own word bank of unfamiliar words/ spellings.
Planning a recount of our trip to Mountfitchet Castle

Maths



Place Value (within 100):
The number line to 100
1 more, 1 less
The 100 square

Topic

Shields: The symbols and pictures on shields.
Designing our own shields.

Science

Predictions for our floating and sinking experiment

Handwriting	Joining words: George, dragon, kingdom, people, mountain, unfortunately, daughter, knight
Certificates 	WOW (Writer of the Week) – Chloe Star of the Week – The whole class for a fantastic trip!
Homework:	*optional* Building/ making a castle at home
	Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Brandon and the Year 1 team