



Our learning units are...



Castles and Knights / Chocolate

English

In English, the children will be focusing on being able to sequence and re-tell a range of stories using adjectives. The children will look at range of fiction texts linked to our topics, including 'Charlie Stinky Socks' and 'George and the Dragon'. Children will use these texts as a model for their own writing and learn how stories are put together. They will also be studying basic elements of non-fiction linked to our Castles topic work. We will continue to learn new phonic skills and practise handwriting and spelling as part of our daily English work.

Phonics

Children are grouped according to their current ability during our daily phonics sessions. They may have phonics in a different room with a different teacher but all children in that group will be working at a similar level.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be focussing on counting in groups of 2,5 and 10; addition and subtraction with two digit numbers; using and applying number facts; measuring length in cm and m; telling the time with quarter past/to and using pounds and pence. The children will also have opportunities to apply their knowledge to solve problems. Our mental maths sessions will focus on counting in groups, using number bonds to 20 and saying one or ten more/less than a given two digit number.

Science

We are focusing on everyday materials. The children will identify materials and their uses and look at how the shapes of some solids can be changed. We will also consider possible new uses for materials as well as the most appropriate materials to build a castle with.

Other Information:

Library Books

Your child will have library time once a week where they will be able to change their book if they wish. Please let us know if they need to change their book at a different time.

Water Bottles

Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Homework

Each week your child should be:

- Reading and be evidencing this in their reading diary
- Learning their spellings for a test on Mondays
- Learning their keywords and times tables / number bonds
- Every half term, the children will receive a selection of activities for them to complete. The activities are designed for you and your child to work on together or independently if they wish to do so.

Reading/ Key words

We will continue to develop the children's knowledge of reading and spelling keywords. Some children are still working through the KS1 keywords and it is important they get the chance to practise at home as well as in school. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- Share books daily with your child. Listen to them read and also read to them, talking about the things you have read.
- Why not try taking turns to tell a story? One person could start the story and the other person has to carry it on. Remember to use story language and lots of description.
- Talk about how your child has changed as they have grown up. Find texts about growing, families and activities that children do e.g. sports.
- Discuss different weather types and seasonal changes.

Useful websites:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.iboard.co.uk

PE

Outdoor PE - Skipping skills
Dance - Medieval dancing

PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please check your child has suitable footwear as well as warm outdoor clothing. Long hair should be tied up and earrings should not be worn.

History

Children will learn about William the Conqueror and The Battle of Britain. They will find out about the first castles that were built in Britain and their features.

Geography

We will be looking into chocolate production, finding out where chocolate comes from and how it is made.

RE

We will be looking at how Jewish people remember the story of Passover.

Personal, Social and Moral Education

Children will learn about how to set realistic personal goals.

Art

We will be drawing castles and making 3D towers from clay slabs.

Computing

We will be learning to use Spellodrome and how to program simple instructions. We will continue to develop independence with logging on and becoming familiar with a range of common software programs.

Music

The children will continue with their Listen 2 Me tuition each week with Mrs Watling. This term, we will be focusing on Samba instruments.