

## English

We will be using the 'Talk for Writing' approach (T4W) to develop our skills as writers. There will be many opportunities to link our English learning to our topic. Children will be researching facts about the features of castles and sharing their knowledge by writing non-chronological reports. They will be using descriptive vocabulary to describe settings and characters from familiar castle themed traditional and fantasy stories as well as writing their own version of a story. Children will develop their knowledge of phonics and spellings and read stories and answer questions about what they have read.

## Mathematics

In mathematics the children will continue to develop their knowledge and skills of the Four Rules. They will apply these skills in everyday problem-solving activities. They will continue to practice their basic skills and times tables and they should be encouraged to learn these at home.

## Science

This term our topic will focus on learning about rocks. As scientists we will investigate the different types of rocks and how they are formed. We will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. We will discover how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed and then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

# Castles, Kingdoms and Crowns!

Class 2 Spring 2017

## Geography

As geographers we will be looking at features of different castles and use maps to explore locations of castles in the U.K. We will research why castles were built on hills.

## Computing

Class 2 will be researching castles, kings and queens using a search engine. We will be drawing pictures of castles using different software, adding colours and captions. We will be doing lots of cross-curricular ICT that will be linked to our topic. We will also be looking at e-safety.

## Enrichment Activities

Class 2 will be having a medieval banquet!

## Music

As musicians we will be exploring medieval instruments, listening to medieval music, identifying and naming medieval instruments. We will be playing instruments, composing Music and following simple notations to play a piece of music, playing different rhythms.

## Physical Education

Class 2 will have Mr Goodchild, who will help the children develop their P.E. skills. The focus will be on Gymnastics and health and body awareness.

## Religious Education

In R.E. Class 2 will explore Judaism and will be comparing Christian worship to the Jewish faith.

## Art and Design/ DT

As artists we will study paintings of castles and create our own images and models. We will be exploring the work of Paul Klee and use 'Castles and Sun' as inspiration for our own work. We will be using a range of resources including pastels, watercolours and crayons to create self portraits like those of a royal family. We will be consolidating our shading and colour mixing skills throughout in order to create quality finished pieces. Class 2 will design and make shields and coats of arms. We will be constructing our own castles making sure we include all of the important features. We will be designing and making a new tower for Rapunzel making sure it is strong and secure!

## PSHE

Class 2 will discuss a knight's code, rules, and bravery. The sessions will also link to our Christian Values. We will also explore 'British Values.'

## History

As Historians, we will be learning about the monarchy and finding out interesting facts about British kings and queens of the past and present. We will be learning about castles through the ages and how their features changed over time. We will be looking at the roles of people within the castle.