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NEWSLETTER

Our Value for January is Creativity

The following pupils have received Merit Badges:

- Class 1** **Mylo** - Has started the New Year with an amazing attitude to work.
- Class 2** **Ella** - For putting a marvellous effort into all her work and aiming high.
- Class 3** **Grace** - For starting everyday with a mature & positive attitude.
- Class 4** **Sorrel** - For her warmth, kindness and positive nature.

Thank you to Tiger Tiger for kindly donating their surplus Christmas merchandise for us to use for arts and crafts.

Castles, Kingdoms and Crowns! Class 2 Spring 2017

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.

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.

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!



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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.'

Religious Education

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

Enrichment Activities—Class 2 will be having a medieval banquet!

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.



Weobley Indoor Athletics

The team participated in the indoor athletics on Wednesday afternoon at Weobley High School. They showed great agility and stamina but most importantly amazing team work, encouraging and supporting each other throughout all the events. They competed in relay races, obstacle courses, javelin, standing long-jump and speed bounce. We are still awaiting the scores, so fingers crossed.

Forest School Year 5 - Please remember to bring into school suitable clothing for the weather. The children need plenty of warm layers. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Thursday 19 January	Year 1 Multi-skills Festival
Friday 27 January	Young Voices
Monday 30 January	Open Classroom 3.15pm—5pm
Tuesday 31 January	Open Classroom 3.15pm—5pm
Wednesday 1 February	Open Classroom 3.15pm—5pm
Friday 3 February	London & Oakerwood Payments are due
	Film night (more details to follow)
Monday 13 February	Half Term
Wednesday 8 March	Year 5 Residential Trip to London
Friday 10 March	Year 5 Return From Residential Trip to London
Wednesday 15 March	HMFA Gymnastics
Friday 24 March	Red Nose Day
Friday 31 March	HMFA Rugby at Marden Academy
Wednesday 5 April	Parents Evening



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