



Our topic this half term is – Noble Knights and Fortresses

Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Here is some information you might need for Year 2 this term. We are looking forward to starting Forest Schools fortnightly on a Friday this term. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

| <u>Our main theme(s):</u> | <u>English units:</u> | <u>Maths topics:</u> |
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| <p>In History we will be exploring significant events beyond living memory. This will include the lives of significant individuals who have contributed to achievements at different times throughout history.</p> <p>In Art and D&T we will develop a wide range of techniques in drawing, painting and sculpture. We will be using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space, when making a castle.</p> <p>In Science we will be exploring materials. We will make ethical choices about different materials harvested. We will also decide what materials are best to use for different purposes.</p> <p>In Music we will be using our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs, speaking chants and rhymes and playing tuned and un-tuned instruments musically.</p> <p>In RE we will be focusing on leaders. Through this we will be looking at leaders in the community.</p> <p>In PE we will be developing our balance and agility in Gymnastics. We will also be focusing on Athletics and outdoor games.</p> | <p>Narrative – retelling and writing myths.</p> <p>Non-fiction - writing instructions and non-chronological reports.</p> <p>Poetry structures – learning about different poets and styles.</p> <p>Grammar –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the correct punctuation in sentences, including commas for lists. • Identify and use adjectives to add detail. • Understand and use nouns and proper nouns. • Identify and use well-chosen adjectives. • Understand and use adverbs for extra detail. • Identify and join sentences with conjunctions and connectives. • Vary the way sentences begin. | <p>Number and place value – use place value and number facts to solve problems.</p> <p>Addition and subtraction - recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and related facts up to 100.</p> <p>Multiplication and division – 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.</p> <p>Fractions – 1/3, 1/2, 1/4 and 3/4 of shapes and amounts.</p> <p>Measurement – time to the 5 minutes. Recognise and use symbols for pounds and pence. Estimate, compare and order length, mass and capacity.</p> <p>Geometry – explain and investigate the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p>Statistics – communicate findings by asking and answering questions in relation to data.</p> |

Our **PE days** are:

Monday and Tuesday

The kit pupils need is:

Outdoor shoes, track suit trousers, shorts, t-shirt which are all named.

Please ensure PE kits are in school at all times.

Home Learning:

Will go out on Wednesday for return the following Monday. We ask that children read daily with an adult and it is recorded in their reading diary.

Other ways to help at home:

Spelling days of the week and numbers to 20 in words.

Number Bond and Times Table Challenge Practise.

Telling the time.

Talking about their reading and answering questions – before, during and after reading the story.

Using punctuation correctly when doing any writing at home

e.g capital letters and full stops.

Reminders:

All children need a change of shoes, a water bottle with water, and their name clearly shown in their jumpers / cardigans. As the weather starts to get warmer children also will need a hat for when they are outside. Please bring in reading records and books on a daily basis.

End of Key Stage 1 Assessments (Year 2 SATs)

This half term we will be carrying out end of Key Stage 1 assessments (SATs). The assessments will be carried out between **1st May and 17th May 2019**. It is extremely important that all children have **early nights** and are **in school every day** between these dates to help ensure each child is able to carry out the assessments to the best of their ability.

We have decided, with the children's best interests at heart, we will not be highlighting specific days when we will be carrying out the assessment activities. They will be part of the usual time table and will be managed in a child-friendly way. It is important that the children understand that they do not need to worry because we know the children well and these assessment activities are just a part of their progress picture. We will also be calling them a 'quiz', as we do not want the children to become worried or anxious by the word 'test'. We have used this vocabulary with them during past assessments. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Class assembly dates:

2HS- Tuesday 2nd July 2019

2SO- Tuesday 9th July 2019

Assemblies start **at 9.10am** in the **KS2 Hall**

Trip / visitors / curriculum days:

We are planning to book a **Kings, Queens and Castle workshop** to visit the children in school.

We have also booked a trip to **Windsor Castle** on **Thursday 11th July 2019**.

A letter will be sent out shortly with all the information regarding timings and cost for both events.

As part of our DT learning, we will be making small castles in class. Please could you send your child in with a labelled shoebox by **Friday 3rd May 2019**.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 2 Team.