



Curriculum Information 2018 Year Two

Spring - Castles (Towers, tunnels and turrets)

See the castle ahead? Get ready to invade its mighty walls! Head across the drawbridge, over the moat and up to the top of the tower...Whose tower is the tallest- who can measure it? How? Then dig deep, deep down making burrows and tunnels, just like the animals who live underground.



No huffing and puffing or we will blow your fortress down!

Dear families,

During the Spring term your child will be covering the topic Towers, Tunnels and Turrets (CASTLES). Through this topic we will be covering our Geography, History, Science, Music, Art, and Design and Technology lessons. English, Maths, computing and some PE skills will be taught stand alone and not always under the theme of castles.

English	<p>Within English this term, we will begin by exploring the traditional tale of Rapunzel. We will be exploring this tale in a variety of retellings as well. Then we will begin our poetry unit. Exploring free verse and shape poetry while expanding our vocabulary. Finally we will look at report writing and write our own reports on different species of dragons as well as the characteristics of kings and queens.</p> <p>Guided reading: There will be a strong focus on comprehension, inference and reading punctuation this term and the use of questioning to understand what we read.</p> <p>Handwriting: We will work really hard this year to use joined cursive writing- this will be taught with each weeks spelling words, discrete lessons and throughout all other subjects.</p>
Maths	<p>We will continue to develop our mathematical understanding of number, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and fractions. We will continue to learn and consolidate our times-tables and partake in daily counting by the way of Magic Ten. Our aim is to teach children to question, investigate and solve problems with a love and confidence of maths.</p>

Topic

Engage	Develop	Innovate	Express
We will learn about castles, their different features and how they have developed over the years.	We will learn about dragons and learn about the different people who you might have found in an ancient castle.	Using our knowledge we will use STEM activities to design and create a fortress fit for a king or queen.	Look at other structures and compare to castles- are they similar or different and how?
RE	For our RE Curriculum we follow the Come & See scheme of work. We cover a topic every 4 weeks. Each term we cover 3 topics, therefore covering 1 and a half topics per half term.		

	<p>Topic 1- Books: Within this topic, we will be exploring the different books found in the Bible – especially the Gospels. We will also learn about the different books used in church.</p> <p>Topic 2- Thanksgiving: Our 'Thanksgiving' topic is all about the Eucharist. What are the different parts of the Eucharist, and why are they important to us?</p> <p>Topic 3- Opportunities: During our time of Lent as we prepare for the events of the Holy Week, we will be exploring why Lent is important and the events of Holy Week.</p>
Trips/Visits	Hampton Court visit on Wednesday 21 February
Computing	Children will continue to develop their understanding of digital texts, creating their own digital content (still, moving and animated image and word) using a range of devices and software. The children will begin to explore algorithms. We will also use the internet to research facts about castles.
PE	This term we are very lucky to have a PE session with Premier Sports on a Tuesday and Miss Gunn on Thursday. Please ensure a full PE kit (indoor and outdoor) is in school at all times.
Topic Sharing	School wide topic sharing day will be Thursday 22 March . On this day we will be showing off the castles we have built and tested.
Our Staff	Class Teacher: Miss Pugh Teaching Assistant: Mrs. Jess and Mrs. Cina Music/PE: Miss Gunn
Reminders	<p>Homework: Sent out on Thursday and returned on Tuesday. Reading books and reading records in school every day- they can be changed every Monday and Friday- please clearly write finished in your child's reading log so it can be changed quickly and easily 😊 PE: Tuesday and Thursday</p> <p>Your children's castle will be built out of cardboard from old paper rolls, tissue boxes etc. Please bring in any cardboard objects you may be collecting at home and would like to use to build your own castle.</p> <p>Finally please make sure your child has their plimsolls everyday and adhere to our school uniform policy.</p>

As the planning and teaching of each topic progresses it is likely that some of these areas will be adapted and changed to suit.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Pugh, Mrs Jess and Mrs Cina

Year Two Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants.