

Our theme this term is...

Castle Capers

As programmers we will:

- Use a computer programme to create artwork using a range of tools.
- Create an illustration or a class illustrated e-book .
- Use the internet safely to find images and ideas.

As scientists we will:

- Explore a range of everyday objects and the materials from which they are made.
- Describe some simple properties of everyday materials and discuss suitability of materials for a range of items.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

As writers we will:

- Explore a variety of stories linked to our topic such as 'Prince Cinders' and 'Princess Smartypants' by Babette Cole.
- Write in full sentences using appropriate presentation and punctuation.
- Plan and write own version of a story linked to a traditional tale.
- Edit and improve our own writing and give feedback to our peers.

As historians we will:

- Consider why castles were built and how they were used.
- Gather information about the first Castle, built by William the Conquer.
- Explore how castles have developed overtime.

As mathematicians we will:

- Measuring with mass, solving problems and using weighing scales to find and compare weights.
- Recounting our work with shape and money.
- Beginning to look at multiplication and division! We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and solving problems.

As artists we will:

Look at a range of royal portraits and find out what story the person wanted to present through the picture. The children will have the chance to work with a variety of materials to develop their drawing skills. The topic will culminate in the children creating their own portrait using photography.

RE: In RE we will be learning about Sikhism and their beliefs about God. We will look at the stories taught which demonstrate how Sikhs should treat others.

P.E: Wren Class will be swimming. This will run for the whole half term on a Wednesday afternoon.

Outdoor PE will focus on developing ball skills including, throwing and catching, kicking and bouncing.

PSHE: We will be looking at understanding where money comes from and how it may be spent on essentials and luxuries. We will also be thinking about recognising strengths and working with others.

MUSIC: In music we will continue to listen to a range of music. We will be performing with our voices and percussion and concentrating on pitch and tempo.

Dear Parents and carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Please do take the time to read our topic web on the other side of this letter. It outlines some of the curriculum objectives that we will be covering in this half term as well as give a brief overview of some of the content your child will be learning. We are looking to plan a trip after half term to Mountfitchet Castle but more details of this will follow at a later date as we are just in the process of organising this.

PE this term will be;

Tuesday- Outdoor PE (kit required– tracksuit bottoms, trainers, a track top or sweatshirt).

Wednesday- Swimming (kit required– swimsuit or shorts and a towel).

Please make sure all kit is labelled as children often end up mixing up their kit!

This term the children will be starting to learn spellings each week and given some simple maths activities to complete to support their learning in class. Spelling and maths homework will come home each week on Friday on a single sheet. Those spelling will be tested in the phonics lesson the following Thursday.

If any of you would like to volunteer to help out in class on a regular basis, please do come and talk to us. This does not need to be every week but could be once a fortnight if you have the time and would like to do this. We would always appreciate additional help in the classroom and of course parents who could give the class additional reading would be wonderful!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wells and Mrs Cowe