

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome to Autumn 2. This term our topic will be based around Castles. We will be taking a trip to Warwick Castle to experience what life would have been like around this time.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Following our new Little Wandle Phonics scheme the children will be start on phase 3,4 and 5 sounds learning new digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words. The children will also be continuing to segment and blend and read words.

Recommended reads:

Small Knight and George by Ronda Armitage
The princess and the Wizard by Julia Donaldson
The kiss that missed by David Melling
The Princess and the Pea by Hans Christian Anderson



Writing

This term we will be focusing on non-fiction texts, writing descriptive sentences using adjectives and encouraging the children to read aloud what they are going to write about. The children will also be writing character profiles and retelling stories.



Maths

This terms units will include; addition and subtraction, geometry: shape and place value. The children will learn to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 10. To read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition(+), subtraction(-) and equals(=) signs. The children will add and subtract one digit numbers to 10 and solve one step problems using the mathematical signs using concrete objects and pictorial representations.



Science

The children will be following our Snap Science scheme and will be looking at everyday materials. Some questions we will be asking within the unit are:

Are all materials the same? Is all fabric the same? Is all paper the same? The children will be identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, learn words to describe the materials and using simple tables and overlapping sorting circles to classify them.



Computing

In computing this term the children will be learning to understand that data can be



represented in picture format; they will discuss and illustrate the transport used to travel to school. They will contribute to a class pictogram and discuss what it shows. Then finally collect data from their own experiment and use a pictogram to represent and record the results.

DT

This term in DT our topic will be based on mechanisms. The children will be learning how to make a moving story book.



The children will be able to:

- Identify whether a mechanism is a side-to-side slider or an up-and-down slider and determine what movement the mechanism will make.
- Clearly label drawings to show which parts of their design will move and in which direction.
- Make a picture, which meets the design criteria, with parts that move purposefully as planned.
- Evaluate the main strengths and weaknesses of their design and suggest alterations.

History

For history this term our topic will be based on homes through time, this will include castles. As part of this topic the children will be looking at the Motte and Bailey castle, pre-historic homes, medieval homes and Victorian homes.



Music

The focus this term in music will look at how pulse, rhythm, and pitch work together. To do this the children will be singing and rapping a variety of different songs. These include:



Rhythm in the way we walk by Joanna Mangona (Reggae)

The planets, Mars by Gustav Holst (Classical)

Tubular Bells by Mike Oldfield (Pop)

The banana Rap by Jane Sebba (Hip Hop)

Happy by Pharrell Williams (Pop)

When I'm 64 by The Beatles (Pop)

PE

PE days this term will be on a Tuesday and a Friday.



Tuesdays topic of Gymnastics will be taught by Miss Stewart. The children will learn how to demonstrate a change in direction, levels and speed, to perform a controlled jump, how to perform diverse types of rolls with a strong body, how to perform a balance and putting everything they have learned into a sequence with a finishing and starting shape.

Fridays topic of Netball will be taught by Mr Glazier where the children will learn to develop spatial awareness, the ability to control the ball, explore passing the ball in a variety of ways, to develop the ability to stop the ball, protecting an area and to improve technique when shooting.

PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be celebrating differences. Talking about what is the same and what is different about their peers. The children will also learn



'what is bullying?' and what they should do if they or someone else is being bullied for feeling unhappy. The children will also look at emotions related to making new friends and verbalise some of the attributes that make them unique and special.

RE

Our topic this term will study who am I? In this topic we learn all about who a Christian is and about christian worship. As part of this we will do Christian activities such as making a window, learning about what is celebrated in a church and special occasions such as Christmas.



Enrichment

Visit to Warwick Castle – Wednesday 23rd November 2022.



Homework Project



Collins Ebook – Reading. Numbots – Maths.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Stewart

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Donativo, Miss Porch.

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Wednesday 23rd November 2022 – Warwick Castle Trip

Tuesday 6th December 2022 – Panto at school 1-3pm

Tuesday 13th Dec 2022 – Christmas Jumper and Dinner 12-1pm

Wednesday 14th Dec 2022 – EYFS / KS1 9-11am

Thursday 15th Dec 2022 – EYFS / KS1 Nativity 1-3pm