

13th April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here is a list of the areas that your child will be working on during this half term. Our topic is history based, focusing on 'Knights and Castles'.

Maths	Children will be adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers up to and beyond 20 as well as reading and writing numbers in words and numerals. They will also solve problems related to length, volume and capacity and time, emphasising the vocabulary earlier and later. Children will also solve word problems including division and multiplication using objects and pictures and find halves and quarters of objects, shapes and quantities. We will find positions and directions including left and right and make full, half and quarter turns.
English	Children will explore fantasy stories. They will focus on retelling & re-enacting stories, sequencing events and comparing the different settings, which will lead into the children writing their own fantasy adventure. We will also be reading and writing poems based on the theme of castles/dragons and writing letters. Children receive phonics teaching daily and focus upon sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and handwriting frequently.
Science	Children will be learning about materials in science. They will be describing, identifying & grouping different materials as well as investigating properties of materials including; wood, metal and plastic. We will continue to record the Spring weather.
Computing	Our theme is 'coding'. Children will learn that objects can be programmed to do actions at the start or when clicked on. They will save and share apps.
Religious Education	Children will be thinking about the question 'Why are some places special?' and will be concentrating upon the church as a place for Christian worship.
History	Children will develop their knowledge of castle life in Medieval Times by labelling castle pictures, exploring their purpose and using a range of sources to find out about jobs, entertainment, knights, jousting, battles & armour.
Art	Children will be exploring 3D form and space. They will design and make a medieval shield and use a net to make a castle keep. In addition children will explore clay and make a clay tile picture and medieval goblet.
Design Technology	Our focus in D.T. is structures and we will be focusing on homes. Children will build homes using construction toys, identify features and investigate different ways of joining materials and making hinges.
P.S.H.E & SEAL	Children will be thinking about keeping safe by identifying safe people and dangerous and safe things. In addition we are exploring relationships and feeling of pride and jealousy.
P.E. Dance & Games	In dance lessons children will continue to learn the Samba, Cha, Cha, Cha, waltz and Ducks & Drakes. In games lessons children will become more aware of space and each other as well as developing basic games skills.
Music	Children will be learning new songs and rhymes and will continue to keep a steady pulse, follow a rhythm and develop an understanding of pitch. Children will also be increasing their knowledge of basic notation. In addition, we will be singing songs with Mr Richards.
French	We will be continuing our French lessons with Madame Brittain.

Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and collected by the following **Friday**.

Reading folders should be returned **daily** to enable reading books to be changed. Reading Record Books are for your use as well as ours. Please feel free to comment on your child's reading at home. Please check the class **notice board** regularly, which is located in the cloakroom, for the latest information and any missed letters or homework.

P.E. is on Tuesdays and Fridays, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing, for both indoor and outdoor sessions, and that all jewellery (in particular earrings) is removed. Could children please have their uniform and P.E. kits clearly labelled with their name?

Thank you very much.

If you need to ask any questions I am always available after school.

Yours sincerely,