

Maths

The children will continue to work on measurement, using standard and non-standard units to measure the length, mass, capacity, weight and volume of a range of objects.

We will learn more about place value, knowing and understanding the value of each digit in a two digit number. The children will then use this knowledge to help them to solve addition problems, by first adding the tens, and then the ones.

We will continue to use the two, five and ten times tables as part of the mathematics lessons, particularly when solving problems.

History

This term our topic is 'Castles and Kingdoms'. The children will investigate the features of medieval castles and will learn about the daily lives of the people who lived and worked in them. They will read and write their own fairy tales and will also learn about some of the famous Kings and Queens who have ruled Britain in the past.

PE

Gymnastics – The children will explore a range of movements on the floor and on the apparatus. These will be themed around our Castles and Kingdoms topic.

Games – the focus will be on skipping and developing a range of bat and ball skills in games.

PSHE

In this unit, your child will learn to recognise that change is a normal part of life and will develop the skill in managing change. They will begin by thinking about their changing achievements, skills and responsibilities as they grow older. They will also learn that change can be positive and talk about some life changes they might look forward to in the future.

RE

This half term, the children will be learning about worship and exploring questions such as: what is worship? Why do people worship and who do they worship?

Year One

Castles and Kingdoms

Computing

Children will be creating their very own animated story books about Kings, Queens and castles using the programme Purple Mash.

Music

The children will be learning about rhythm through the study of different styles of music such as reggae, classical, rock and pop. The children will create a George and the Dragon composition, thinking about which instruments and rhymes would be suitable to represent each of the characters.

DT

The children will be exploring colours, materials and shapes. They will design and make their own castles, which will include key features such as a drawbridge and a moat.

English

We are continuing our successful Read Write Inc. sessions on Monday to Friday each week. As part of our 'Castles and Kingdoms' topic the children will read lots of fairy tales and stories such as 'George and the Dragon' and 'The Princess and the Pea', as the inspiration for their own writing. The children will have opportunities to dress up as knights, kings and queens during our WOW day, which will lead to many exciting pieces of writing!

Science

This half term our science topic is 'Our Senses'. Children will develop their understanding and knowledge of the human body. They will apply their own knowledge of senses in story-based enrichment lessons, centred on the traditional tale of The Princess and the Pea.

Green and Blue Class

We hope you have enjoyed hearing about all the learning we have been doing throughout this term and are looking forward to our new topic of castles and kingdoms. As usual, we will be available at the beginning and end of the school day if you need to speak to us or have any concerns. If you have queries at any point during the year please do not hesitate to contact us or make an appointment to meet Mrs Johnson (Green Class), Mrs Martin or Mrs Evans (Blue Class). A big thank you to those who were able to attend the Phonics Workshop last half term! The children loved having you join in with their games.

Homework

Maths

A piece of homework for Maths will be set every Monday and it is to be returned by the following Monday. The homework will link to the learning that is happening in school that week as well as previously taught skills. If your child has any problems with any part of their homework, they have been told to come to discuss the task with us before Thursday.

Topic and science

You will receive a new homework grid for this half term in your child's homework book. There will be a copy of this grid in both homework books for the children to have a go at if they wish. All the activities are ideas for additional at home learning.

Spellings

We will continue to send home 5 spellings on a Monday to be tested in class on the Friday. These will be sent home in the homework book.

Spellings will also be sent home specifically linked to your child's Read Write Inc. lessons and will be set by their Read Write Inc. teacher. The children will not be tested in school on these spellings but we expect to see these words being spelled correctly in your child's written work at school.

Ways in which you can help your child:

- * Check homework books and support your child in completing their homework;
- * Regularly read with your child and discuss what they have read;
- * Practise counting forwards and backwards in different steps from any number;
- * Practise writing numbers in figures and in words;
- * Practise times-table facts and related division facts (particularly 2, 5 and 10).

Please look in your child's book-bag for their phonics packs. We will be sending home sounds and words for you to play games with and flash cards to use with your child. Please keep them in the book bags so we are able to change these frequently.

Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

www.mathletics.com - please find your child's login details stuck in their homework book

<http://www.ictgames.com>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com>

PE

Children must have their correct PE kit in school at all times. To avoid unnecessary disruption to the curriculum please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on **Monday** and that it is taken home to be washed on **Friday**. Children will need **both indoor kit** (blue shorts and a white T shirt) **and outdoor kit** (warm jogging bottoms, a warm sweatshirt and sensible, supportive training shoes) at all times throughout the term as outdoor games will take place each week. Children will only be excused from PE on medical grounds if we receive a letter from the parent/carer.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day- children invited to dress up as a favourite book character
Wednesday 11 th -18 th March	Scholastic Book Fair (Main Hall)
Friday 20 th March	Blue class assembly
Thursday 26 th March	Kingdoms and Castles WOW day
Thursday 26 th March	Parent consultations
Tuesday 31 st March	Parent consultations
Wednesday 1 st April	Last day of Spring term