

Welcome

This half term our topic is 'A long, long time ago...' During our first half term we are going to focus on castles and knights and during half term 2 we are going to focus on Kings and Queens. We have planned an exciting trip linked to this topic so please keep your eyes peeled for a trip letter. **Polite reminder**, please remember to change and sign out your child's reading book as and when required. Mr Davies ☺

ICT In computing we will be focussing on using technology safely. We will be thinking about how we can keep personal information private and what to do if we have concerns.

Geography and History

In geography we will be creating maps for Knight Noble so that he can travel around the world. At each place he visits we will create records of these places and describe them using geographical vocabulary and describing the human features eg. Beach, cliff, farm, harbour.

In history we will learn about famous battles.

Music

This half term we will be focussing on using our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. We will work in terms to create battle chants to spare our knights on!

Year 1 phonics

Every morning year 1 will have a phonics lesson. This half term we are going to revisit all of the digraphs and trigraphs we learnt in reception. Week 1 will be j v w x y, week 2 will be z zz qu ch sh, week 3 will be th ng ai ee igh, week 4 will be oa oo oo ar or ur, week 5 will be ow oi ear air er ure. Then we will start phase 4 and 5 phonics. For any children who continue to need extra support on phase 3 phonics extra support will be provided during the afternoon.

Year 1 SPAG

In the afternoons year 1 will have short lessons which will introduce them to compounds words, counting syllables in words and using capital letters and full stops (including capitals for proper nouns)

Year 2 SPAG

Every morning year 2 will have a SPAG lesson. They will also have a few short sessions in the afternoons. These sessions help teach them skills to apply in their writing and prepare them for their end of year SAT assessments. This term we will introduce them to the rules for adding the following suffixes: ment, ness, ful, less, ly.

Homework and Spellings

Homework will be set every Wednesday and collected in every Monday. All children will have a piece of online mathletics homework set. Year 1 children will have a weekly piece of phonics homework set to help them prepare for their end of year phonics screening test. Year 2 children will have a piece of work set in each of their practise SAT books. If you have any questions or questions about homework please do pop in and speak to me.

Numeracy

Week 1: number and place value. We will be focussing on writing numbers to 100 and beyond in numerals and words, mentally working out 1/10 more/less and working on our number bonds to 10/20/100

Week 2: addition. We will be practising adding practically, by counting on in our heads and on a number line both in ones and in tens and ones (partitioning)

Week 3: subtractions. We will be practising subtracting practically, by counting back in our heads and on a number line both in ones and in tens and ones (partitioning)

Week 4: Measurement (height / length) We will be comparing lengths and height using < > =, measuring to the nearest mm and cm and solving some tricky problems.

Week 5: geometry. We will be recapping 2d and 3d shape names and their properties. We will then start to compare shapes using venn and Carroll diagrams.

Week 6: measurement (money) We will practise recognising each coin and notes and practise counting in 10s, 5s, 2s and making amounts using a full range of coins.

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Castles and Knights



Literacy Each week our literacy will be focussed around key books. Some of our key texts are: 'Mike the Knight', 'The Knight who wouldn't fight' and 'There was an old dragon who swallowed a knight'

Year 1 will be focusing on their targets of thinking of a sentence, sounding out words, using finger spaces and using capital letters and full stops. They will be encouraged to use WOW words eg adjectives and adverbs. This half term we are focusing on presentation of our work and are going to really work hard on our cursive handwriting.

Year 2 will be focusing on their targets of capital letters, full stops using a range of conjunctions, using expanded noun phrases, using capital letters for proper nouns, using varied sentence openers, using a variety of sentence types (exclamations, questions, commands and statements).

Throughout each topic, your child will read and write fiction, non-fiction and poetry. During this topic we will be writing descriptions, recounts, diaries, fact pages, acrostic poems, shape poems and much more. To enhance your child's writing, individual reading, handwriting, phonics and guided reading sessions will continue to take place each week.

You can help support your child by hearing them read every night, completing homework and practising cursive writing.

Art and Design Technology

In art we will be developing a wide range of techniques and be creating lots of masterpieces to decorate our classroom with. We will be making 3d clay castles, King and Queen portraits and much more. In D+T we will be building structures and think about how we can make them stronger. To do this we will be building junk model castles in which we will try and use a mechanism to lower the castle drawbridge. After we have created each piece we will evaluate it and think about how we could have made it even better.

Science

In science we are covering materials and the use of every day materials. We are going to learn about how materials are made, where materials come from, the properties of materials and then we are going to test materials to find out which is the best material to make a boat from? A coat from? A shield from? Then we will think about why this is. If you have any recycling or scraps of materials please do bring them in to Puffin Class.

PE will take place every Thursday afternoon. Children can attend school wearing their PE kit so that all the lesson time is spent being active. Like every other day, children should have a refillable water bottle at school. This half term we are focussing on team sports specifically dodgeball.

RE - 1.4 what do stories of Jesus tell Christians about how to live?

In this unit we will learn a lot of Christian stories including The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, The Lost Son, The Forgiving Father, The Golden Rule, The Two Builders, The Rich Fool, The Two Sons, The Rich Young Man. From this we will retell the Christian stories to show our understanding and suggest how characters' feel at different points in the story. We will discuss the meanings and morals to each story and explain what each story teaches Christians.