

Class 2: SPRING TERM 2023

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2023!

Thank you so much for all your kind wishes and Christmas gifts. We really do appreciate your generosity. Your children are a delight to teach and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Science

Plants - We will be growing a variety of plants and observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants

We will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

History

Castles - We will look at who built the first castles in Britain and why. We will learn who William the Conqueror was and how he came to power by exploring the Bayeux Tapestry. We will explore Norman castles in the UK and draw comparisons.

RE

This term we will question how different groups express their identity and belonging. Class 2 will then explore how Christians in particular do this within their faith.

Art & Design

Through our Castles topic we will draw lines of different sizes and thickness; Show pattern and texture by adding dots and lines; Show different tones by using coloured pencils.

Design & Technology

Through this term's topic we plan to design, make and evaluate castle constructions..

English

Poetry - free verse.

Writing - We will compare different versions of a traditional tale. The children will create their own versions.

Non-fiction - The children will write an explanation based on a fiction book. They will draw pictures to illustrate a simple process and prepare several sentences to support the explanation.

Maths

We will start the term by concentrating on number and place value. We will then look at strategies to help with addition and subtraction and the children will apply this knowledge to help them solve problems. Year 1 children will learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and begin to solve simple multiplications. Year 2 children will be looking at patterns in the 2x, 5x and 10x tables and applying their multiplication skills to problem solving and making links with division.

STEM person of the term: Zaha Hadid (Architect)

Geography

Castles - We will discover where castles were built and why. We will name and locate UK capital cities and their castles and devise a simple map and construct a simple key.

PE

Gymnastics and Ball skills

Computing

Purple Mash - Maze Explorers.

Music

With Mrs Brimmicombe.

Year 1 - Composing through Exploring tuned and untuned classroom instruments. Introduction to Instruments of the Orchestra and pitch awareness
Year 2 - Pitch. Build on prior experience of pitch to recognise pitch changes through dot notation The children will learn the basic techniques of African Drumming. They will also begin to understand duration and rhythm.

PSHE

Living in the wider world: Discovering what jobs do people do and to realise that people and other living things have needs, and that they have responsibilities to meet them

Health and Wellbeing: Learning what helps us to stay safe.

Reading

Phonics

Spelling

Collective Worship