

ICT

Using a variety of different programmes to select and add information.

Gather information from a variety of different sources. Look at websites and video clips to gain insight into life during Medieval Times.

We will be using programmable toys to explore giving instructions.

Music

We will be looking at duration and pitch through a variety of music and songs. Using percussion and composing our own pieces.

Science

Animal Life Cycles

Healthy Animals

Study the life cycle of chickens. Build understanding that exercise makes the heart work harder and that it is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. Find out about healthy lunch box foods before designing and sharing your own snack.

Habitats

How can we work out what's alive and what's not? Collect specimens and sort them into categories. Investigate habitats and food chains. Learning about the importance of variables when carrying out an investigation.

PE

Games: Ball games – rolling, throwing, dodging and defending.

Gymnastics: Using apparatus, using entrances and exits on apparatus. Adapt and join sequences with partners.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be using a variety of both non-fiction and fiction texts.

We will be covering:

- Instructional writing (different ways of setting out)
- Diary writing
- Story writing (focusing on punctuation and spelling)
- Recounts (using time words e.g. next, finally, following)
- Poems and rhymes

In addition to this each week we will be doing reading, spelling, handwriting and phonic activities.

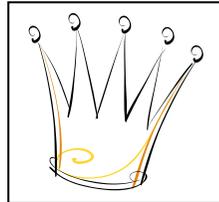


Knights and Castles

Class 2

Autumn Term

Mr Gall



History

Looking at castles, knights, damsels, armour, weapons, timelines and chivalry.

Visiting Arundel Castle.

Planning and preparing a Medieval banquet and learning about castle life.

Art/DT

Design and make own coat of arms.

Design and make own castle with a working draw bridge. Choosing the right materials, colours and designs for the outside walls, the turrets etc.

Evaluating their designs.

Looking at stained glass windows.

Geography

Looking at maps of areas where castles were built. Understanding why those sites were chosen and making maps to show the features of a good site to locate a castle.

Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at:

- Money (totals and giving change)
- Handling data (graphs and tally charts)
- Telling the time (half past, quarter to/past and 5 min intervals)
- Calculations
- Shape and space (3D and 2D shapes)
- Problem solving (4 operations)
- Measuring and weighing
- Times tables to include 2, 3, 5, 10

Useful Curriculum information

PE: Children should have their PE kit in school all week in case our PE slot is changed but the scheduled days are Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Reading folders: Children need to bring their reading folders in daily and keep them in their tray. Library books and reading books will be transferred in these and any comments put in the home/school diary. Notes from school will also be put into reading folders.

Homework: Weekly homework will come home on Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday. Children will each have their own homework book. It is important that children look after their book and keep it safe and neat. These books will not be replaced.

Reading:

- Hearing your child read their school reading book throughout the week at home really helps your child develop into fluent and competent readers.
- Trips to the local library are to be encouraged also. Any type of reading is helpful in developing as a reader (comics, shopping lists, signs, TV listings). Even in Year 2, it is still an excellent model to read to your child so they can hear how fluency and expression adds to enjoyment.

Spelling:

- We have topic words, which we look at in class, and 'words of the week'.
- We will look at different spelling patterns each week. These will also be set as spellings to learn at home. They will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following Monday.
- Children will also need to be able to read and write the Year 2 exception words (a list attached below) by the end of the year.

Numeracy:

- Looking at 2 digit numbers as Tens and ones. Work on weighing and measuring. Using bathroom scales, kitchen scales, scales at Post Office, etc. can all help. Number patterns 2, 4, 6 __ etc. Playing board games can really help children with logic and pattern spotting. Working on timestables: 2, 5, 10, 3, 4

Topic words:

Castle, knight, princess, armour, shield, flag, turret, drawbridge, ramparts, portcullis, tower, turret, moat, dragon

after	class	floor	most	pretty
again	climb	gold	move	prove
any	clothes	grass	Mr	should
bath	could	great	Mrs	steak
beautiful	cold	half	old	sugar
because	door	hold	only	sure
behind	even	hour	parents	told
both	every	improve	pass	water
break	everybody	kind	past	whole
busy	eye	last	path	who
child	fast	many	people	wild
children	father	mind	plant	would
Christmas	find	money	poor	

Year 2 Common Exception Words