

We hope this topic letter will give you some insight into the work your child will cover during the term. Our topic for this term is 'Castles and Knights'. This will also include some work on Kings and Queens.

Literacy

During their daily literacy lessons, the children will be focusing on non-fiction writing including; diary entries, information texts, recounts, letters, lists and newspaper reports. Additionally we shall explore traditional tales, leading to creating our own castle and Knights stories. Children shall also be taught daily phonics/support for spelling and handwriting.

Maths

During their daily mathematics lessons, children will continue to:

- Read, write and partition two-digit numbers.
- Begin to recognise odd and even numbers.
- Count objects by grouping them in twos, fives or tens.
- Order two-digit numbers from lowest to highest and highest to lowest.
- Estimate and check numbers of objects.

Computing

The children will continue to learn how to log on and off computers using their own usernames. We will be comparing the differences between Windsor Castle and the Forbidden City in Beijing. The children will also be designing their own castles whilst using different forms of computer art such as pixel pointillism and cubism.

Music

The children will be focusing on playing tuned and un-tuned instruments to create their own songs this term. We shall also explore how to use our voices expressively and creatively.

Religious Education

This term the children will be learning about Christianity. We will learn about why Jesus told parables and what happens in a church.

Art

This term the children will be focusing on Da Vinci's 'Mona Lisa' painting. We shall create our own self-portraits ready for our King and Queen's banquet.

Design and Technology

The children will focus on using different materials to make different structures; leading to them creating castles, flags and armour.

Geography

In geography we will look at map skills, including keys and compass directions. Additionally we shall compare castles in the UK to castles in Japan.

History

During history this term we will be focusing on The Victorians, where we shall explore Queen Victoria and Windsor Castle. We will investigate what it was like to be a child during Victorian times and compare this to what it is like to be a child today.

Physical Education

The children will be continuing with Sports Focus this term on Friday's. During the teacher led P.E. lessons we shall be exploring team games and how to work together. We will also be learning to dance to the beat of a piece of music. P.E is on a Monday afternoon.

Science

Our science topics will be focusing on experimenting with grouping different materials and learning about healthy lifestyles and hygiene.

Home Learning

This year we are continuing with our home learning logs. This is homework set on a fortnightly basis. The work is based on things we have been learning about in school. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about this. There will also be a weekly dictation which will be sent home at the end of each the week.

Key Dates For Supporting Our 'Topic Based' Curriculum:

Ways In Which You Can Help:

- ☆ Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is in school every day, as P.E. times may sometimes vary. For year 2 our usual P.E. times will be on Wednesday's & Friday's (Sports Focus).
- ☆ Please hear your child read **every** night.
- ☆ If you are able to come and help by reading with children, even just for an hour, please let the class teacher know, we are always looking for extra help.
- ☆ Please bring your child's book bag into school every day.
- ☆ Please ensure your child is in school every day; we hope to have 100% attendance in Wrens and Swans classes each term, this year.
- ☆ Please support your child to learn any words or sounds that are sent home – this will really benefit their skills in phonics and literacy, as well as speech and language.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to an AMAZING first term in year 2!!

Mrs Houghton and Mr Hornby



Buckland Primary School

- ☆ TBC – Trip to Windsor Castle

(Look out for the separate letter).

Topic Booklet Castles and Knights



For Parents

September 2018 – December 2018

Year 2