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Year 1

Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 1 we have been...

having a brilliant time at the outdoor learning area, on the North site. The children planted seeds, built dens, designed medals and went on a scavenger hunt.

We enjoyed listening to the children who had learnt a poem over the holidays to recite to the class.

We all completed a sponsored run linked to Martha Habershon running in the London Marathon, on behalf of the school.

The author Steve Cole visited us to talk about his exciting new book 'Adventure Duck vs Power Pug'. The children were entertained and enthused and loved drawing their own superheroes and villains.



Core Curriculum:

English

We will be doing some non-fiction writing linked to our 'castles' theme, making sure we have capital letters for days of the week, names, places and I. We will also be looking at stories from other cultures.

The children will be continuing their daily phonics practice and weekly spelling tests.

In reading we will be developing our comprehension skills across a variety of texts with weekly comprehension activities. We will be making predictions based on what we have read so far and developing our understanding of inference.

Maths

This term we will be learning about position and direction. We will be using language such as full-turn, half-turn and quarter-turn; forwards, backwards, left and right; above, below and between.

We will be introducing the idea of time; exploring o'clock, half-past and quarter past. We will be learning to recognise the coins and notes in our currency and use our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us add amounts. We will also be returning to place value, and looking at numbers to 100.

Other areas of the Curriculum:

Topic

We will be learning about how people lived in medieval castles and about Norman castles in particular. We will also be looking at where people lived around the castles.

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Computing

We will be learning some basic programming skills using our 'Beebots' and programmes on our laptops. We will also be collecting data and processing the information by creating bar-charts.

Music

This term we will be exploring songs on the theme of 'Reflect, Rewind and Repeat'. The children will learn to sing different songs around this theme and will have an opportunity to perform in groups to the class.

PE

The children will be practising the skills needed for their sports day events. This will include developing their throwing and jumping techniques. We will also be learning some team building games.

PSHCE

This term the focus will be 'Myself and my relationships,' and managing change.

RE

We will be continuing the topic of Islam. We will be finding out about some of the key Muslim beliefs and practices, looking at the holy book, the Qur'an, and why it is special to Muslims and listening to stories about the founder of Islam.

Design Technology

In design technology we will be attempting to make a trebuchet out of lolly sticks and elastic bands.

Reminders/Key dates:

Summer term

23 April - 19 July

Half term

27 May - 31 May

Ducks class - Multi-Sports event

11 June - (am)

Sports Day

21 June - (9.30am at the North site)

Architectural visit

26 June

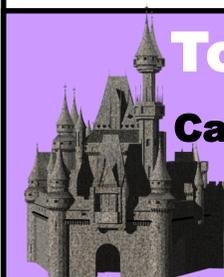
Transition Day

Date and details to follow

Core Curriculum:

Science

We will continue to focus on different materials linked to our topic 'castles', investigating the best materials to make a strong roof for a model castle. We will also revisit our seasons topic and observing the changes throughout Spring and moving towards Summer.



Topic Castles