



Y1 Curriculum News Spring 1



English

This half term we will be reading a letter on Knights and Castles. We will be focussing on how letters are written to inform and write our own letter. We will be learning about nouns and begin to use capital letters for proper nouns. We will continue speaking in full sentences and using capital letters, full stops and fingers spaces in our writing. We will continue our focus on our cursive handwriting, making sure our letters start and sit on the line.

Maths

Our focus this half term is on Shape and Place Value within 20. We will start by looking at 3D and 2D shapes. We will recognise, identify, sort and create patterns using these shapes. We will then move on to our learning on Place Value within 20. We will use representations and compare numbers up to 20. We will also continue with our daily arithmetic lessons where children will learn new strategies to help them solve problems mentally.

Topic

Our topic this half term is Knights and Castles. In Geography, we will research famous castles within the UK. In History, we will be researching the purpose and design of castles. We will also identify the roles and responsibilities within a castle. We will explore our enquiry on 'Why were castles built on hills?'

PE

Indoor PE- Dance

We will listen to music and begin to move in time to it and perform basic dance movements.

Outdoor PE- Ball games

We will learn how to catch and receive a ball safely and begin to develop tactics within games.

Art/DT

Our focus for art is to explore patterns and textures using printing with a wide range of materials.

In DT, we will be designing and building a castle. We will use mock-ups and trial different joining techniques.

Reminders

- All children should read for 10 minutes each night and sign their planner every day.
- Please ensure your child's familiar read and library book is in their bag every day.
- Homework is given out on a Wednesday and is handed in on the following Monday.
- PE is on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in the morning in their PE kit.
- Please ensure your child brings their coat and bag to school every day.