

# Class 2 Newsletter - Spring 1



Dear Parents

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a lovely time over Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Our exciting new topic this term is castles, dungeons and dragons and our role play area is a medieval castle. This provides a space for the children to develop their knowledge with lots of different writing opportunities as well as developing their speech and language.

## English

This half term we will read 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by A. Shepherd. We will use this text as inspiration to develop story writing with character descriptions and alternative endings being a focus. We will also read 'Where Did All the Dragons Go?' and a selection of other poems whilst discussing and recognising simple recurring literary language. Children will then be given the opportunity to learn and recite some of their favourite poetry. We are going to develop our informative writing using the book 'Dare to Care: Pet Dragon' by M. Robertson and look closely at the appropriate use of past and present tense. Each week your child will take part in a dictation exercise. This will support them in recognising when punctuation is needed in their writing, in spelling common exception words and developing their listening skills.

## Maths

In maths we will be solving a range of problems relating to time and money. Children will also begin to look at statistics which will involve the children gathering and recording information and then presenting it in a way that is meaningful to others. Children will use tally charts to find out Class 2's favourite fruit, pets and eye colour. This will involve the use of computing programs to draw graphs and tables (including pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams). During this term Year Two will start to use written methods to show calculations - all of which will build upon the children's problem solving abilities.

## Science

In science we will be investigating and testing different materials in order to design new armour for a knight. The children will be using scientific vocabulary to describe different materials, for example: flexible, conductor, waterproof and absorbent.

## Design and Technology

In design and technology your child will have opportunities to design and make a moving picture. They will choose the mechanism that provides the movement they want for their picture and then make a lever mechanism to cause movement.

## Geography

In geography we will be looking at maps of our local area and creating keys to symbolise important places within the village and surrounding areas. The children will also be locating castles on local maps and considering why castles were built where they are.

## Music

This half-term the children will be taught by Mrs Coulls. There will be a focus upon pitch, volume and rhythm and the children will learn lots of fun new songs!

Class 2's P.E days are now Monday and Wednesday and the topics for this half term are dance and games.

Thank you for supporting your child with their basic number skills in maths homework last term. Maths homework will now be set weekly and it is encouraged that your child now uses those fundamental skills to solve problems. Year Two children will be receiving homework which will support them in the lead up to SATs in summer term.

Thank you for reading. If you have any concerns or questions please get in touch.

Mrs Bradwell.

