

## **Class 2 Newsletter - Spring 2.**



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. This half term will be very busy as we lead up to Easter!

Our topic this half term continues to be castles, dungeons and dragons.

### **English**

In English we will be writing our own myths and legends. We were lucky to participate in a 'Pollard and the Boar' workshop delivered by Auckland Castle in January. The children will be using this story as a stimulus to write their own legends and develop their own mythical creatures. The children will also learn about other local myths and write about 'The Laidly Worm' and 'The Lambton Worm'. Children will be given the opportunity to write non-fiction and will use their knowledge of castles to write a fact file. Children will be applying the grammar and punctuation we have been learning within their writing and begin to master these skills.

### **Maths**

In maths both Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to reinforce their place value knowledge and problem-solving skills. There will be a continued emphasis upon learning number bonds and times tables by heart and it would be appreciated if you could continue supporting your child in practising these skills at home. We will be working practically with measurements and solving problems. Children will have the opportunity to follow a recipe and measure ingredients whilst baking. All of the activities will be practical and engaging whilst challenging your children.

## **Science**

In science we will be learning about scientists and their discoveries whilst developing our own 'working scientifically' skills. We will be investigating gravity, light, sound, medical science including reflexes and germs, as well as how to make a simple circuit, providing a variety of fun, practical and informative activities.

## **History**

Children will be investigating medieval castles by looking at the features of a variety of different castles and exploring a timeline of their uses in Britain. Your child will learn about the Normans and how they introduced the skill of building castles to Britain.

## **Art**

In art your child will have opportunities to create their own coat of arms using a collage. They will choose their own colours and symbols whilst learning about the importance of heraldic designs in medieval times.

## **PE**

Class 2's PE days are now a Monday and Friday. During Monday's PE lessons children will be developing their skills in kick rounders. On a Friday the children have a fantastic opportunity to work with an experienced dance coach.

I would appreciate it if you could continue helping your child in learning their weekly spellings, reading and homework as your support is invaluable!

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

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