

Kings, Queens & Castles

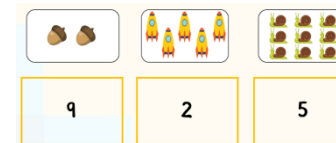
English

This half term we will be looking at books that link to the topic. We will focus on different narratives to build sentences focusing on describing characters and settings.

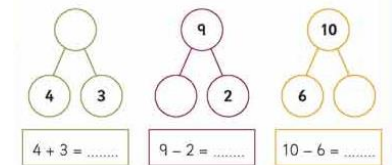
In year one, the children will be re-telling a familiar story using drama. We will work on our oracy skills and think about how we can extend our sentences using conjunctions like 'and' to make them more interesting. The children will also be thinking about their sentences, applying their known sounds and punctuation, in particular well-formed letters, using capital letters and full stops. In phonics, the children are reviewing phase 3 and 4 sounds and high frequency words. In year two, the children will be reviewing their phase 5 sounds before focusing on year 2 spellings. In writing, they will be using coordinating conjunctions and writing expanded noun phrases to describe and specify character descriptions. They will also learn how to turn adjectives into adverbs.

Maths

Year 1 - The children will be focussing on number recognition and reciting number names in order. They will be matching numbers to sets of objects and writing numbers to 20. They will also be comparing groups to recognise more than, equal to and less than.



Year 2 - The children will be focussing on number recognition using place value. They will also be using their addition and subtraction skills to solve a variety of number calculations and problems.



Helping your child with English and Maths

English: please read regularly with your child, discussing the plot and the characters, and pointing out any interesting new words. Record their home reading in the Reading Rocket booklet - aiming for 4 times a week! Make sure your child changes their 'corridor' reading book regularly too.

Maths: Please encourage your child to practise counting backward from any number! Also, remind your child to login and play Numbots and TTRS. If they need a login reminder please talk to their class teacher.



Science

The children will be looking at materials this half term. They will be considering the different materials everyday objects are made from and why they have been chosen. Children will also be categorising materials according to their properties.



History



The children will be looking at life in the past, in particular, medieval times. They will learn about clothing, food, housing etc. They will be considering the significance of castles in history and create a historical timeline including Kings and Queens across the years.

PE

In games, the children will be practising their throwing and catching skills.

In gym, the children will be thinking about different shapes when balancing.

RE

The children will be thinking about themselves as part of a community (such as school!). They will also find out about and take part in some traditional Harvest celebrations too!

Music

Children will be using their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants/rhythms. This unit uses castles and stories to show how music is able to make a story come to life!

Dates for your diary

(Please also check the school newsletter for any further dates)

Thurs 8th Oct - second dress up day. The Treehouse Theatre are visiting to help children apply their history learning. **Please return permission slips and make your payment online.**

Fri 23rd Oct - Parent workshare. Please join us between 8.45am and 9am to have a look at your child's learning in art and history this half term.

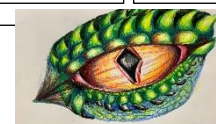


PSHE

Relationships

The children will be thinking about the special people in their lives and how we care for one another. They will also be looking at how our behaviour can affect others, including ways to be kind.

Art



Inspired by traditional tales and castles, the children will develop their artistic talents during this dragon eye project inspired by Sandra Staple. They will begin by drawing a range of dragons then focusing in on dragon eyes and scales. They will develop their drawing skills and knowledge of different art media. They will then progress to creating a clay dragon eye.

Computing

Year 1 children will be introduced to using the laptops for the first time in school and learning how to log in and explore Purple Mash. In Year 2, the children will focus on an introduction to algorithms, directional instructions and logical reasoning.