



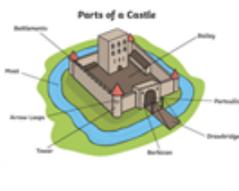
Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. We have some exciting things planned for this half term and some information that we would like to share with you. Please do ask me if you would like to know anything more about what we are learning or doing this half term.

Have a great half term of learning,
Amy,
Class Teacher

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

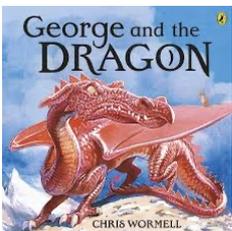
This term in Yellow Class our topic is Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. We will be visiting the Tower of London on the 22nd September to explore the Tower and learn more about it. In topic lessons the children have already learnt about the different parts of the castle and how these parts help to defend the castle. We will go on to look at famous, tall towers and tunnels from all over the world.

<p>Castles</p> <p>A castle is a type of structure, often built hundreds of years ago by an important person, such as a lord or king. A castle helped the lord or king control his land and protect his family and riches. Most castles were built on hills and had high walls and towers.</p>  <p>Tower of London</p>	<p>Parts of a Castle</p> 	<p>Jobs in a Castle</p> <p>Many people lived and worked in the castle.</p> <p>Cook—Prepare meals and keep the kitchen clean.</p> <p>Gardener—Ensure the castle garden is maintained.</p> <p>Candle maker—Make candles for use throughout the castle.</p> <p>Carpenter—Craft things out of wood for the castle.</p> <p>Herald—Announce on behalf of the king to the public.</p>
<p>Bridges</p> <p>A bridge is a structure built over a road, river or railway that allows people of vehicles to cross from one side to the other.</p>  <p>Metal suspension bridge</p>  <p>Concrete Road Bridge</p>  <p>Stone Railway Bridge</p>  <p>Rope footbridge</p>	<p>Tunnels</p> <p>A tunnel is a long passage under the ground. Tunnels are usually built as a way of getting from one side of an obstacle to the other.</p>  <p>The channel tunnel is a tunnel under the sea that links England and France.</p>  <p>The Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel in the USA is a tunnel through a mountain.</p>	<p>Towers</p> <p>A tower is a tall, narrow structure. Here are some famous towers from around the world.</p>  <p>CN tower, Toronto, Canada</p>  <p>Big Ben, London, England</p>  <p>Eiffel tower, Paris, France</p>  <p>Tokyo Skytree, Tokyo, Japan</p>

English

In English this term we are focusing on a few different books. This week we have been looking at a book called 'The Paper Bag Princess'. We have been predicting what this book will be about, answering questions about the story and acting out parts of the story. We will then move onto using The Write stuff approach again and look at a book called 'George the Dragon'.

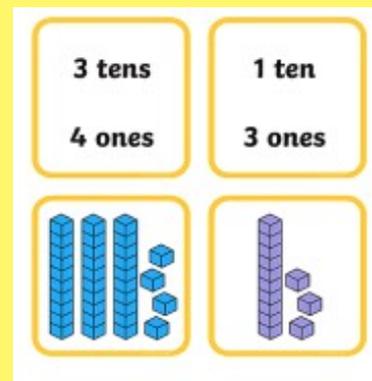
This term I will be ensuring all children have the basic skills such as using capital letters and full stops then throughout the year teach them skills to develop their writing.



Maths

In Maths this half term we will cover two core units. This first unit is 'Numbers within 100'. In this unit the children will learn to read, write, represent, partition and compare numbers within 100. We will also explore patterns including, odds and evens, tens and ones.

We will then move onto adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. In which we will apply our number bonds to add and subtract. We will also look at adding three 1-digit numbers (such as $1 + 5 + 9 = ?$).



Science

This term in Science we are learning about the 'Use of Everyday Materials'. We will look at different materials such as wood, plastic, brick, metal and glass and explore the uses and properties of these. Last week we explored the school looking for things made from these materials.

History

This term in history we will focus on castles. We will order events in a period of history on a timeline, learn about the history of the Tower of London and learn about who worked in castles.

Geography

In geography this half term we will be looking at castles. We will look at why castles were built in certain places and their land features. We will research castles around the world and their different features.

R.E. and PSHE/RSE

This term in R.E our topic is 'Myself'. We will be learning about who we are and what makes us special. In PSHE we will be focusing on staying safe and what to do/who to tell if we feel unsafe.

Computing

This term in computing we are going to be looking at Microsoft word and how to navigate around it. We will learn how to edit and move text around.



Dates for Autumn 1

Wed 22nd September	Class Trip to the Tower of London
Thurs 21st Oct	LAST DAY OF TERM I 3.15pm Finish
Fri 22nd Oct	INSET DAY School closed to children
Half term Holiday Mon 25th to Fri 29th Oct	
Mon 1st Nov	Children return to school

Design Technology

This term in Design Technology we will be making castles with a moving drawbridge. We will plan, make and evaluate our castles.



P.E.

This term in P.E we will be focusing on playground games. We will learn how to work as a team and work on some new skills such as throwing and catching. Our P.E lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Handwriting

In handwriting we will be going over each letter to check they are formed correctly. We will then start learning how to join up our writing.

Homework

Each MONDAY we collect in homework. Children will either complete work on their iPad (e.g. Maths) or use their exercise book. Check the page in their exercise book each week to make sure you know what you are doing. Exercise books will be checked by teachers during the week after homework is due. Please ensure children have learned their spellings before our test on Tuesdays.

Every day, children should complete their daily diet:

- read their reading book for at least 10 minutes
- Practise spellings

In addition, typically, the children do the following:
English: Ensure they know how to read and spell all high frequency words.

Maths: Complete homework on my maths and practise times tables on times table rockstars.



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