



Parents' Information Sheet

Class: Woodpeckers (Year 2)

Term: Autumn 1

Theme: Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

English

Texts

This term, we will be reading “Castles” by Colin Thompson, which features a selection of different castle settings. We will then choose one of the castle settings to retell and use in ‘Talk for Writing’, before writing one of our own version. The focus will be on creating a descriptive setting. Later on, pupils will read “The Paperbag Princess” by Robert Munsch, where they will use the above strategies to support them with re-writing the story, before writing their own version of the same story.

Word Level Activities

In Phonics, we will be revisiting Phase 5 before beginning Phase 6. They will recognise and spell alternative representations of the phonemes already taught. In Phase 6, they will learn about the different forms of the past tense and the different spelling rules for using –ed, -ing, -er, -est, -ful, -ly, -y. Pupils will also begin learning the “Year 2 Common Exception Words” from the National Curriculum.

Sentence

Pupils will continue to write narratives based on personal experience. They will plan their writing and rehearse sentences before writing them. They will focus on hearing all the sounds that they can in words and writing them in the correct order. As before, they will be encouraged to re-read their sentences to check that they make sense, use fronted adverbials of time (first, next, after that).

Text

Pupils will sequence their sentences to form a short setting. They will write a recount of a visit.

Handwriting

This term we will be revisiting basic single letter formation, beginning with the lowercase letters and progressing to capital letters.

Mathematics

Each term, the Maths objective are revisited in greater depth. Cross curricular themes include counting soldiers in a castle, making a set number of play dough castles/artefacts.

Mental Maths and Countdown

To count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and count in tens from any number, forward or backward.

Recorded Work

Pupils will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones). They will identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line. They will compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs and read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words. Pupils will apply their knowledge when solving problems and use number facts. They will add a 2-digit number and ones and tens using objects and pictures and will develop their ability to add three one-digit numbers. This term, Year 2 will recall and use multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including associated division facts. Pupils will learn recognise and name simple fractions including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. They will tell the time to five minutes including quarter past and quarter to. They will begin to construct simple tables and tallies.

Science

Pupils will be identifying and comparing everyday materials including wood, metal and plastic for their particular uses. Children will be building a castle wall out of wooden bricks and testing the strength of it. They will look at a range of bridges and group them according to materials used to make them, leading to building and testing their own bridge.

I.C.T

Children will be using computer software to draw their own castle, adding colours and textures.

Religious Education

Does God want us look after the world?

Art & Design

This term there is a focus on Design and Technology rather than Art and Design

Design & Technology

Pupils will build a model castle using construction materials, decorating it with some typical castle features.

Geography

We will be walking around the local area to note any structures with high points, tunnels or tall structures.

History

We will be looking at castles from different time periods.

Music

Singing. "Sounds Interesting" - Exploring sounds.

Physical Education

Children will take part in one PE session lead by Active8.

PSHE

New Beginnings

MFL – French

Pupils will learn simple greetings, colours and numbers in French. They will learn some simple rhymes in French.

Homework

Possible Ideas for activities for at home: *

Play Jenga! What are the best ways of keeping the tower upright? Take some action photographs of the tower falling!

Make your own information book about castles, bridges or tunnels. Include downloaded images.

Go on a bridge hunt with your grown-ups, taking photographs to show your class.

Design and create a model of a famous structure from around the world. E.g. Eiffel Tower, London Bridge.

Read different versions of "The Three Little Pigs" online.

Educational visits/visitors.

We will be visiting Conisbrough Castle.

Please let us know whether this leaflet has been of any help in informing you of your child's learning throughout the term. We always welcome your comments and ideas.