

Topic homework challenges

Read a story about a castle, a dragon, a Princess, a Prince or a knight and write a book review. **20 house points.**

Visit a castle and bring photographs into school and a diary entry about the visit.

70 house points

Make and Easter bonnet to wear in our parade on the 28th March.

70 house points.

Dress up as a book character for world book day.

50 house points.

Grow a vegetable and bring it in to show.

30 house points.

Super challenge! 100 house points.

Make an Easter garden.

Return by Tuesday 27th February.

Super challenge! 100 house points.

Make a castle with a drawbridge.

Return by Monday 26th March

Key Stage 1

News

Spring Term 2018



Our theme this term is 'Castles'.

The children will find out about Castles in the past and visit a real castle in Tamworth.

learning

In **Design and Technology** the children will be designing their own coat of arms. They will create their coat of arms from different materials and use it to decorate a shield.

In **Art** the children will be making their own rubber stamps with a castle theme. They will be learning different techniques to use with clay. They will be learning how to use a viewfinder to help sketch in detail.

In **Geography** the children will find out about seasonal changes associated with Spring.

In **History** the children will be finding out about life in a Castle. They will identify the features of a motte and bailey castle and find out what it was like to live there.

They will discuss the British Monarchy and find out about the lives of William the Conqueror and Elizabeth I. They will also discuss our present day monarchy.

They will discover why the Battle of Hastings took place and what happened as a result.

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In **Computing** we will use Purple Mash to deliver our curriculum.

There will be e-safety sessions for all children and parents.

Science

In Science the children will plant and grow a bean like Jack in the fairy tale. They will investigate the best material to make a shield from and discuss the properties, advantages, disadvantages of wood and stone for castle building. They will explore which force will help move William the Conqueror's ships move.

In **RE** the children will be finding out about the Gospels and we will be exploring the question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'

In **PSHE** the children will find out how to look after wildlife throughout the winter. They will observe changes in Spring and new life.

DIARY DATES



Thursday 25th January: parent and child E-safety sessions

Monday 26th February-Friday 1st March: World book week.

Thursday 22nd March: Y1 visit to Tamworth Castle.

Friday 23rd March: Y2 visit to Tamworth Castle.

Tuesday 20th March and Thursday 22nd March: Parent consultation evenings.

Thursday 28th March: Easter bonnet Parade.

Year 1 at 9.15 and Year 2 at 10.15

Notices



Library

We are currently auditing the books on the library bus. It will be open again in a few weeks for KS1 children to change books with their parents. This will be on Tuesday and Thursday morning between 8.30 and 8.50. The children will also be given an opportunity to change their books in school time.

Great British Bird Watch

This is taking place on the 27th, 28th and 29th January. You can get a free pack by following the link <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>

Barnaby bear

Barnaby bear will continue to come home with the children this term. He can stay with you for the week.



PE kits

Please can you ensure all children have a white t-shirt, blue shorts and pumps that fit them, for PE and Games on Wednesdays. During the colder months it is essential that children also have a blue sweatshirt and jogging bottoms in their PE bag. For girls who wear tights, a spare pair of socks in their pump bag is important as they are not allowed to wear tights for PE or outdoor games. If anyone has earrings they need to be removed before school and hair needs to be securely tied back on a Wednesday.

E-safety

It is essential that parents discuss E-safety with their children at home and are aware and able to monitor everything their child has access to online. As a way of supporting you with this at home, we have asked our local E-safety Advisor to run a course on 25th January. You should all have received letters as we need confirmation of attendance. However, if you have mislaid the letter please ask Mrs Swinbourne for another one.