

Y1 Curriculum Newsletter

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets



Happy New Year! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas. This newsletter outlines our plans for the next Imaginative Learning Project, 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. This project runs up until mid March, when we then think about Easter.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you should already know about our 'eggciting' findings in school. We hope that by launching the project in this way we will inspire some amazing writing. We will then look at stories such as Zog, The Tunnel, Rapunzel and the Three Billy Goats Gruff over the course of the theme. We will research castles and learn about their different features and explore theme related poetry. By exploring famous bridges and towers around the world we will learn about where different countries and continents are and we will also look at how castles have changed over time. Of course, we will be building structures and thinking about how to make those structures strong and stable. In Art, we will use natural materials to inspire our artwork. We hope the children will learn a lot from this theme and plan to finish by having a visit to a castle (when the weather is warmer!)

In Maths, we will look at number and place value, before moving onto the operations and then measures, fractions and geometry. We are continuing to use White Rose maths materials to support our maths and solving a 'BIG PROBLEM' on Fridays which always uses the maths we have learnt throughout the week. Our Science focus will be on learning about different materials and the difference between an object and the material it is made from. Nearer Easter, we will look at what helps plants to grow well. Our computing will have two parts; one where we look at how to program the Bee-Bots and two where we think about how to take good photographs.

We will continue our work on 'Meta-cognition' this term. We will also complete work about UNICEF rights. In RE, we look at different stories from the bible and then learn about Easter. The 'Secrets of Success' form an integral part of our everyday learning and we have a fresh supply of certificates that can be awarded for that all important learning at home.

PE this half term will be country dancing and netball (we concentrate on throwing and catching skills). Mrs Patterson's class will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mrs Allen's and Mrs Huggill's/Mrs Hind's children will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays.

Diary Dates:

Monday 5th February—Parent/Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 6th February—Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thursday 1st March—World Book Day (details to follow)