

Year 2 News



April 2021



Hello everyone, welcome back! Hope you have enjoyed the holidays and the sunshine. We are excited to introduce you to some new themes and learning this term.

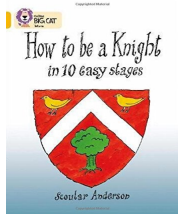
Why do we have Castles?

Our main focus this term will be linked to British history and the Norman period, in particular the Battle of Hastings. We will also be looking at the importance of castles and how they changed Britain, as well as comparing life to the Norman era.



English

In English, we will be looking at different types of texts. We will study a range of non-fiction texts enriched with facts about castles and their key features. We will also be looking at fictional texts based on the Middle Ages such as 'How to be a knight in 10 easy stages'. Using the information from the books, the children will get the opportunities to write descriptive texts and use different sentence types such as commands and questions.



Our grammar focus this term will include learning about irregular past tense verbs, adverbs and focusing on suffixes -ly, -less and -ful, -ment and -ness as well as using commas in lists.

Maths

We will first be revisiting multiplication and division and looking at the relationship between the two of them.

Then we will move onto learning how to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We will also look at and compare different units of time (minutes, hours, weeks, months, seasons, years).

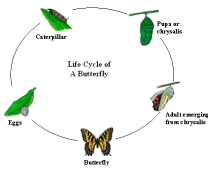


History



This term we will be learning about The Battle of Hastings in 1066. We will be discussing how it impacted our history in Britain and will look at the historical artefact the Bayeux Tapestry to discuss how we know the true events. We will focus on important figures such as William of Normandy and King Harold and discover who won the battle and what it meant for the future of Britain.

Science



Our science focus for this term is identifying local trees and common plants in the environment. We will also be looking at the life cycles of animals and humans and learn how different animal types (mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians) have different stages of lives.



Art



In art this term, we will be looking at art work from an artist called Paul Klee. We will be comparing some of his art work and the children will have an opportunity to recreate his famous piece 'Castle and Sun'.

Spellings

Each week, your child will have 5 or 6 spelling words to practise at home for a test each week.



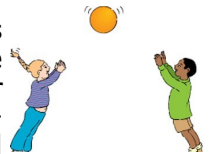
Computing

In computing, we will be learning about branching databases and algorithms. We will have the opportunity to use the Beebots to put our algorithm skills into practice and link branching databases to our scientific knowledge.



PE

Our focus for PE this term is to practice and enrich our throwing and catching skills. We will work on our precision in catching and learn the different types of throwing.



Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.

RE

In RE we will be exploring the use of creativity within religion to express beliefs and celebrations. We will learn about different religious festivals and their importance.



Dojos

Class Dojo is a fun way to reward children's use of the Westways Learning Powers. A weekly certificate and prize will be awarded to the pupil with the most Dojos from each class.



Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set weekly on Google Classroom and maths homework is set on My Maths. Additionally, we have provided extra activities (in a grid style) linked to our learning in school. Please let us know if you have trouble accessing Google Classroom or have lost your My Maths login details.

