

Year 2 Curriculum Information

Term 1

We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and it's been so lovely to see all the children again. We are feeling refreshed and so excited to start the new academic year off with '**Noble Knights and Colossal Castles!**'



If you have any questions please feel free to email us or contact a member of the year 2 team and we will do our very best to help.

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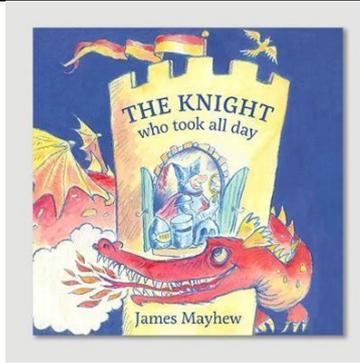
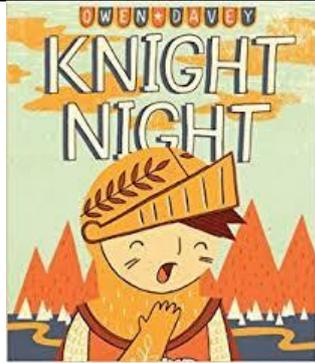


PLEASE ENSURE ALL CHILDREN BRING IN A WATER BOTTLE, JUMPER AND SUN HAT EVERYDAY. ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY SCHOOL. Thank you!

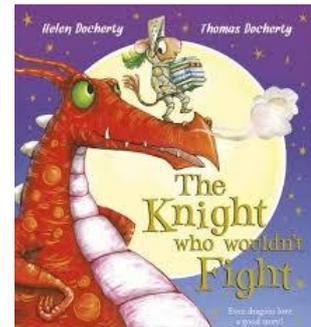


Our topic and areas for learning this half term

We will be looking at the texts *Knight Night* and *The Knight who took all day* throughout our topic.



Another related text you could read with your child at home is *The Knight who wouldn't fight*. This has some lovely rhyming language to explore. In addition, you could look at some non-fiction books on 'castles' so your child can find out some amazing facts about castles!



Geography: Looking at maps to locate castles in our locality and exploring the features of a castle.

History: Children will be learning about a timeline of their own life. Please provide **copies** of a baby picture, a toddler picture and a current picture in a named envelope by 28th September 2020.

ART: We will be creating a castle picture using printing.

SCIENCE:

In science we are learning about the properties of materials and exploring simple investigations.



COMPUTING: We will be exploring e-safety, communication and uses for technology.



Maths and English



Maths and English will be taught daily. English will be made up of phonics, guided reading, handwriting, spelling, grammar and a range of writing activities. Maths will include weekly objectives, we will be following the White Rose scheme. Additionally we will do times tables, fluency skills and practise the skills of each child's level for the 99 club.

Children are not expected to reach the 99 club until they are in year 6.

Reading:

Your child's reading book will be changed once a week and the returned books will be placed in quarantine for at least 72 hours. The children will be given new logins for Bug Club and Purple Mash.



Homework:

- Reading books will be sent home on a Friday and will be collected in on the following Thursday for quarantine.
- Spellings and Times tables will be given out fortnightly on a Friday and need to be returned 10 days later (on a Wednesday). For example, we will give the first set of spellings and times tables on Friday 18th September and we will need the books back in by Wednesday 30th September. Spellings will be tested fortnightly and times tables will be tested weekly.
- Please use Purple Mash for maths homework on '2Simple Table Toons' and also the BBC 'Super Movers KS1 Website'. Please start with the 10 x table.
- We will also add activities on Purple Mash which are linked to the topic.

Growth Mindset

Our whole school learning power for the autumn term is *Engagement* and our character that represents that learning behaviour is *the wide-eyed owl* and his name is Barney.



Barney Owl

I come in to school each morning ready to work.

I know what 'good listening' looks like.

I can listen to my teacher and my Learning Partner

I can concentrate on my work until I finish.

Learning behaviour in Year 2

Our motto is:

It's ok if you don't know

But it's not ok if you don't try!

Making mistakes help us learn and thoughts help us grow!

Encourage your child's Love of Learning by getting them to explore their thought bubble ideas!

Remind your child that: "I can't do it," does not exist.

Encourage them to think,

"I can't do it.... Yet!"

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
I tell me I can't.
When I succeed, I'm proud.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



My abilities are fixed at birth, so I can't learn.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm not proud.
I tell me I can't.
When I succeed, I feel embarrassed.
My abilities determine everything.

CLASS RULES AND YEAR 2 LEARNING PARTNERS

The children in each class have agreed some class rules. This helps them to keep their name on the 'green' area of the class behaviour chart (green is good!).

If the children have shown exceptional behaviour or effort in their work they may be awarded 'silver' or 'gold'. The children will be given a sticker to celebrate this.

Also each week a child from each of the year 2 classes will be chosen as a "Learning Partner of the week" and they will receive a certificate linked to the learning power "being engaged." This will be emailed home.

Other useful information

PPA - Music is on a Monday.

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PE is on a Thursday and the

children need to come in to school already dressed in their PE kits.

