



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the Summer break. Our new topic has a historical focus and the children will be immersed in memories, recounts and stories around the era of the War of the Roses. The children will learn about the Battle of Bosworth, why fighting happened and why there was a change in king.

- **Reading books** should be brought into school **every day**. Your child should be reading as many times as possible at home. Once they have read their book the children complete a short comprehension check using Accelerated Reader (some of you may have used this already). The short test allows us to monitor your child's level of understanding. Our aim this year is to make sure all children are accessing books from the library.
- PE kits need to be left at school during term time. The children need the following clothing as they do go out in all weathers - shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jumper/sweatshirt, t-shirt, trainers and socks. Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. **All items of uniform and PE kit must be named. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school.**

English

Recount

The children will use research to be able to retell the story of the Battle of Bosworth. In this, we will write about what happened in the battle as well as share what changes were made as a result of the battle ending.

Story Writing

We will be using Shrek as a theme in this writing. Within the film, there are many references to knights and kings which will fit nicely with our topic. In this, we may write alternate endings or add characters of our own.

Explanation Text

Castles were a large part of life around the era we are studying. After learning in History, we will be writing about the importance of castles as well as sharing the features and their uses too.

Maths

Place Value and Number

- Explore numbers up to 20, 50 and then 100
- Recognise tens and ones in a number (with partitioning)
- To write numbers in words
- To place numbers on a number line
- To count in my 2, 5 and 10 times table
- I can count in 3s

Addition and Subtraction

- recap my number bonds to 10
- Fact families with addition and subtraction
- Add and subtracts ones
- Add and subtract across 10
- Add and subtract 2 digit numbers with and without crossing a ten

Computing	Information technology around us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing everyday technology around us • How we use technology • Using technology safely
Science	Material and their properties	<p>The children will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying different materials • Identifying properties of materials • Matching properties to certain materials • Testing properties and which materials are the most useful
RE	Who is a Muslim and how do they live?	The focus enables pupils to learn in depth about the Islamic religion. We will be sharing the beliefs a Muslim has, what they do in their everyday life and how they celebrate in different ways.
Geography	Human and Physical features based around the theme of castles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about human and physical features • Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas • Research famous castles and their features
PE	Invasion games Tag Rugby	Both outdoor slots
History	Battle of Bosworth and Castle life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castles and castle life • Battle of Bosworth (Richard III vs Henry Tudor) • Significant individuals • Listen about WWII 'Great Escape and the use of tunnels • Isambard Kingdom Brunel
D&T and Art	Art DSAT live lessons Castle/knight themed art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and sculpting castles • Sketching castles • Using natural materials to sculpt a castle • Coat of arms

Thank you and we look forward to sharing all of the learning with your children,

The Year 2 Team.