

English

This half term we will be using a series of mysterious letters and the book "The Egg" to support our writing. We will be writing questions and predictions, letters, character and scene descriptions and a set of instructions. We will also be writing our own dragon inspired stories! We will work towards our individual targets to improve our handwriting, finger spaces, full stops and capital letters, as well as making our writing exciting by using exclamation marks, adjectives and conjunctions.

Reading

We will explore quality texts each week during English including shared reading which will support your child to fully explore and understand aspects of the text which may not be obvious. Please encourage your child to share other texts at home with you, which they may not be able to read for themselves, this will expose them to new vocabulary. Your child should be reading their school book to you every day for around 10 minutes, this will develop recognition, fluency, expression and confidence.

Phonics

Phonics will be taught daily as a whole class session. This half term we will continue to learn about alternative sounds. We will also embed known sounds and practise reading and writing tricky and polysyllabic words. Please continue to look for the sounds and tricky words we have been learning in your child's own reading book and books you read to them.

Handwriting

The children will continue to practice their handwriting by sky writing and in their handwriting books. This half-term our main focus is starting and finishing our letters in the correct place and capital letter formation.

Computing

We will use a paint programme in our art lessons to create work inspired by Paul Klee's use of shape and colour. The children will also learn to create and debug algorithms using block coding.

Maths

The children will consolidate their knowledge of numbers up to 20, representing number sentences in different ways and problem solving. We will then move on to working with numbers up to 50, learning to read, write, order and represent them. Towards the end of the half term we will look at measuring amounts including mass, length and capacity. We will compare amounts by saying which amount is longer or shorter, heavier or lighter, empty or full in a practical way.



Quick as a flash..... number facts This half term we are focusing on finding one more or one less than numbers up to 50.

Spring Term 2 Captivating Castles and Dangerous Dragons

PSHE

We will continue to take part in weekly circle time meeting with Badgers where we share our thoughts on school values, rules and charities. We will also be exploring the concept of money, how we earn it, use it and keep it safe

Values We will explore and celebrate our values throughout our learning, being curious, resilient, courageous, kind, caring respectful and fair.

Outdoor Learning - We will use the outdoors in all areas of the curriculum. We will be exploring our school grounds and picking different areas to use for our seasonal changes investigation. We will ensure our garden area is kept tidy and during the winter months. Forest school will continue weekly on Wednesdays.

RE

This half term we will be looking at how Christians celebrate Easter and how an egg symbolises new life.

Topic

This half term we will be captivated by castles and all things connected! We are going to look into what a castle looks like and why, who lives in a castle and how it protects itself! The children will be attending Knight school each week to learn about how to become a knight, we will finish the topic with a medieval day! We will also plot our history work so far this year on a timeline to understand when events occurred in history.

Science

In science we will think about the differences between dragons and dinosaurs. We will also explore and identify the materials used to build castles and why they were chosen.

Seasonal Changes

Over the year we will continue to observe how our environment changes through the seasons monitoring the weather, length of day temperature, rainfall and how the trees look.

Music

We will be following Surrey's interactive scheme Charanga, this half terms focus song is 'Hands, Feet Heart', and we'll also attend singing assembly.

Art and Design

Art

We will continue to look at the work of Paul Klee and explore his shape and colour artwork, finishing the topic by creating our own Castle in the Sun piece. We will learn about inspiring sculptors and practise manipulating clay to create our own detailed dragon eyes.

DT

We will explore materials to make castles and drawbridges.

PE

Games and Athletics will be the focus of PE lessons this half term, the children will develop their hand-eye coordination skills and develop an understanding of rules within simple games.

Show and Tell

We will continue to have a Squirrel Star each day, please help your child to think of 3 clues to describe what they have to show, when it is their turn.