

COLOSSAL CASTLES

YEAR 2

AUTUMN TERM 2020



Sparkling Starter

If you could be King or Queen for the day, what would you do?



Fabulous Finish

We will finish by making a medieval soup for the King.

English

Class Text

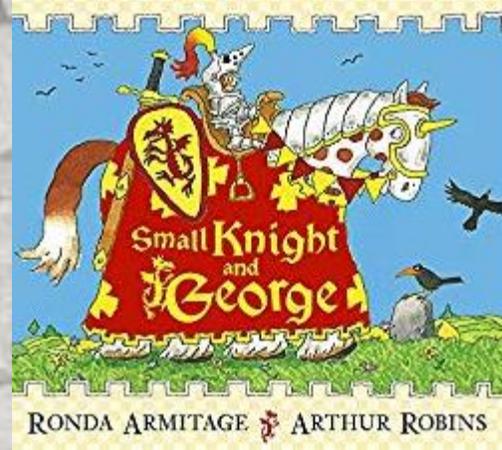
We will be using *Small Knight and George* by Ronda Armitage and the traditional story, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, as our stimulus for this term.

We will also be looking at what it would be like to be a knight for the day using a clip for the BBC to help us write a fictional recount.

How can you help?

Talk to your child about what they are reading. Ask them questions such as:
What do you like or dislike about it?
What are the themes of the story?
Which character do you like best and why?

Encourage them to use examples from the story itself. E.g. *"I liked when Small Knight met George because...."*



We will be:

- Writing an extended story with a beginning, middle and an end.
- Writing a recount in the role of a knight.
- Researching to write our own non-chronological report
- Writing instructions on how to make a medieval soup
- Performing a poem using expression, fluency, good pace, appropriate volume and actions.

We will also be using drama to ignite ideas for our writing.

Assessment

The children will sit a half termly test in reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. This will inform future planning and teaching.

Maths

Overview

Number: Place value

Number: Addition and subtraction

Measurement: Money

Number: Multiplication and division

How do we plan?

We use The White Rose Maths Scheme of Learning alongside other material.

How can you help?

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their number bonds, times tables and associated facts. For example:

$$7 + 13 = 20$$

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$20 - 7 = 13$$

$$10 \div 5 = 2$$

Why not visit these websites at home:

www.myminimaths.co.uk

<https://ttrockstars.com/>



Assessment

The children will sit a half termly test in arithmetic and reasoning. This will inform future planning and teaching.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about materials. We will be identifying different types of materials and their properties as well as testing the suitability of the materials through a series of experiments.



We will use our scientific enquiry skills to:

- Make observations first hand
- Ask and answer questions

How can you help?

www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics

Computing

In Computing, we will be using Bee-Bots to give simple commands. From this, we will look at how we can improve (debug) the instruction and create a new set of instructions.

We are also going to use laptops to research our topic 'Castles' and use this information to create a PowerPoint.



History

In History, we will be looking at castles. During these lessons, we will be discussing the features of a castle and how they defended the King and Queen. We will also look at the different roles of people within a castle.

Through role play and fact finding, we will learn about famous William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings.



Art and DT

In Art, we will be looking closely at pictures to make observational drawings. We will use different grades of pencils and look at how to shade using the hatching method.

In DT, we will be looking at where food comes from and finish by making our own medieval soup.



Music

In Music we will be experimenting with sounds we can make with our body, mouth and instruments.



RE

In RE, we will be studying special words and stories from different religions. For example, we will learn the words to The Lord's Prayer as well as stories in The Torah. Following on from this, we will be looking at special people and celebrations different religions take part in.



PE

In PE, we will be will be practise and improve our skills in games.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at new beginnings and concentrating on rights, rules and responsibilities at school and at home. We will also be looking at my relationships focusing on our emotions and feelings.





General Information

Diary Dates

Weeks beginning 21st-28th September – Settling in phone calls

October – Black History Month

Thursday 5th November – Outdoor Learning Day

11th November – Armistice Day

Weeks beginning 16th- 23rd November – Follow up phone calls

30th November – St Andrews Day

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day

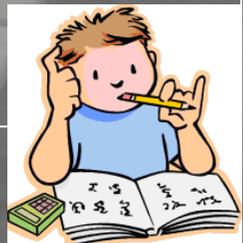
Homework

In Year 2, homework is given out weekly. This is on a Friday and it is due in the following Wednesday.

Homework consists of: spelling practise and a Maths activity or reading comprehension.

All homework is issued and submitted on Seesaw <https://web.seesaw.me/>.

If you need a paper copy, please ask your class teacher.



PE Days

At the moment, PE days are changing weekly. We will inform you of PE days on Seesaw to ensure your child is PE ready for that day.