



Shilton Infant School

Classes 5, 6 & 7



Curriculum Newsletter

September 2018 Autumn Term 1

Our topic is Castles, Kings and Queens.

English

This half term we will be using our exciting topic to work on our handwriting and presentation skills, drafting skills (to enable the children to improve their writing), and vocabulary, resulting in a Castles Fact Book. Later in the term we will use castle and knight themed stories to stimulate further discussions about vocabulary, adjectives, characters and so on.

Maths

In Maths we will be working on place value skills in Year 2 whilst in Year 1 we focus on counting skills (forwards and backwards). We will work on number fluency in both years to ensure that the children grasp the key skills in their year group objectives. /this includes skip counting in 10s and learning the number bonds to 10 (year 1), skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (year 2), and addition and subtraction (both year groups). Using the topic as a stimulus we will also look at weight/mass (linked to our science experiment).

Science

We will investigate materials linked to our castles topic. Year 1 children will identify and name a range of materials, discussing the features that make them suitable for certain purposes. In Year 2 the children will learn about properties of materials including how different processes can change the shapes of objects. All children will do experiments, make predictions and draw conclusions from their observations.

Computing

In Computing we will be practicing our typing skills across the curriculum, using online software such as Busy Things to create images and information related to the topic of castles and, importantly, learning about Online Safety through the Online Safety Rap and other activities.

D&T

In D&T we will design and build castle models using different materials and a range of techniques. The children will evaluate their designs and creations as they work and decide how to develop their skills to improve the finished model.

Art

Linked to the topic we will create our own medieval artwork by weaving a range of materials to create wall hangings, using a range of materials to explore tactile and visual effects, using the arts and crafts of medieval times as inspiration.

History

We will be using our investigation skills to study types of castles including their specific features, the materials used to build them and the reasons why they were built in the first place. The children will order facts and events on a timeline, sort information according to criteria given and compare life in a castle to their own lives today.

PSHE and RE

In PSHE we will be having a visit from the fire brigade to talk to us about fire safety. In RE we will investigate Islam in year 2 and Year 1 will study Christianity and what it means to be a Christian.

PE—Dance and Games

Classes 6 and 7 will be learning a medieval - themed dance with our new dance teacher, Mrs Beheshti. Class 5 will engage in castles/knights related invasion games, thinking about defending, attacking, and simple tactics as well as working on their throwing and catching skills.

Helping your child at home.

Listening to your child read regularly each week is very important. Please record when you have read with your child in their reading diary. Please encourage your child to complete one activity a week from their Homework sheet and hand it in on Monday mornings.

Ongoing practise at counting forwards and backwards is vital at this point of the year - for Year 1, counting up to 50 and back from 30; year 2 up to and across 100 (forwards and back) as well as skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (including backwards if possible!).

Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget -