

Castles and Dragons Year 2 2021 - 2022

Spring 1

Maths

Along with daily Arithmetic sessions and TTRockstars, this half term we will be exploring other mathematical strands. We will become fluent and explore reasoning and problem solving activities. Some of the objectives that we will be covering include:

- **Multiplication & Division** - recalling multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 and use them to solve simple problems, demonstrating an understanding of commutativity as necessary.
- **Statistics** – make tally charts, draw and interpret pictograms and draw and interpret block diagrams.
- **Shape** – recognise 2D and 3D shapes, understand the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and understand lines of symmetry.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'plants'.

This term we will:

- To observe plants and seeds and how they grow.
- To find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.
- To complete a scientific investigation.
- To ask questions and predict.
- To plan an investigation.
- To observe and measure.
- To record and conclude.

English

This half term, the key text focus will be: Hector and the Big Bad Knight alongside our visit to Skipton Castle, and also a selection castle non-fiction texts. We will be focusing on informal letter writing, leaflet writing, recount writing and list poetry. To continue improving our writing, we will be using lots of Kagan techniques and having a daily grammar focus in our written work. This half term, our grammar focuses will be: apostrophe's for possession, adverbs, time openers, comparatives and superlatives and the use of prefixes and suffixes. We will be showcasing lots of our work on the website and on twitter – keep a look out!

Computing

During our computing lessons this half term, we will be focusing on our Information Technology and coding Skills. We will complete the following activities:

- E-safety using popplet.
- Book creator.
- Technology in an airport.
- Image searching.
- Using a word processor.

History

In our history lessons, we will be learning:

- Features of a castle and the geography of it's location.
- Locate castles in the UK on a map.
- Skipton Castle visit – fieldwork.
- Order the monarchy since the reign of Queen Victoria.
- Create a timeline of Queen Elizabeth II life and understand she is our current monarch.
- Explore the Royal Family Tree including our future monarch.
- Compare 2 monarchs.

Music

Taught by Rochdale music service.

I Wanna Play In A Band is a rock song written especially for children. In this song you learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble.

As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic rock songs.

R.E.

Our topic this half term is: **Books and Thanksgiving**. During these topics we will learn to know and understand:

- The different books used at home and in school.
- The books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family.
- Different ways to say thank you.
- The Eucharist: the parish family thanks God for Jesus.