

English

In English we will be reading and retelling the story of 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' by Julia Donaldson and using this text to develop our story writing focusing on story 'beginnings and endings'. The children will look at other stories and texts with a castle setting. We will share stories every day to support our own storytelling and story writing and continue to follow Oxford Reading Tree's 'Floppy phonics' programme in our daily phonic sessions. The children will look at fiction and non-fiction writing as well as poetry.

Art and Design

Study printing and how designs are created using natural materials and look at William Morris. Create different prints, considering colour and texture. Design and create castle models using different materials and evaluate. Create medieval banquet.

Geography

Where are castles usually found? Study Castles around the UK and describe their features and locations. Consider castles in Europe and compare common features.

Mathematics

The focus this term is to develop further the skills for counting, addition, subtraction and use these to solve simple problems. Children will be encouraged to use talk to explain their solutions and extend their awareness of place value and money. They will explore different positional language used to describe movement. We will consider use of measurements, multiplication, and division in everyday practical problems.

Science

We will be looking at seasonal changes and how the weather can be extreme. We will talk about animals and their basic needs and how we can stay healthy. As spring approaches, we will look at changes and plant growth and how plants mature. The children will explore what a plant needs to grow and stay healthy.

History

Look at different famous people in history who have had an impact on medicine and nursing including Mary Seacole. Castles and the people who live in them and how life has changed over time for the different roles.

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Music

We will listen to various pieces of music, exploring the tempo and instruments used to portray the seasons and create a seasonal piece. We will learn some castle songs both modern and traditional.

Computing

Use a wide range of programs within phonics, topic and maths activities. Develop use of a computer to design and record data and instructions.

Religious Education

We will consider the question who is a Muslim and how do they live? Moving towards Easter the children will look at why Easter matters to Christians.

PSHE

We will look at friendships, building confidence and managing feelings. Values within our school and the community and look at our dreams and goals.

P.E

Children will learn to move and balance. They will be experimenting with moving around, under, through and over small and large equipment. The class will learn about jumping, rolling and balancing and perform different types of jumps and balances on the floor and on different gymnastics equipment. Children will learn different types of rolls and practise and perform these in short gymnastic sequences they create. Children will describe how the body feels when still and when exercising.

How you can help

Regularly listen to your child read and talk about their books, ask them to retell the story in their own words or spot interesting words. Play games that involve counting, adding and taking away. Talk about the numbers they see about the home and in books. Explore any phonic sounds they are learning by encouraging them to recognise them in words they might hear in conversation or see in everyday use. Look at animals and plants around them and how they differ.