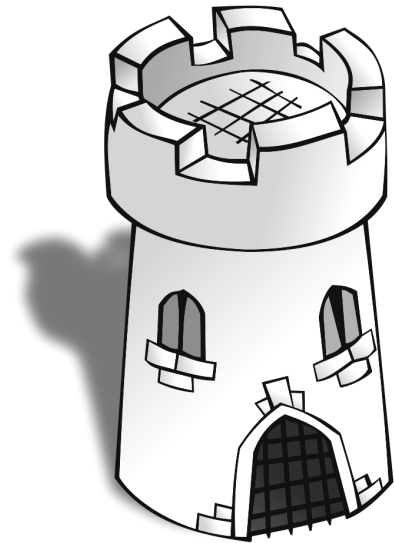


Year 3



Kings, Queens and Castles

Spring 2016

ENGLISH ACTIVITIES

During this half term the children will be:

- Researching information about famous (or infamous) Kings, Queens and Castles. We have a trip to Durham Castle on 21st January to inspire our story writing!
- Writing using the correct tense and using paragraphs.
- Writing using inverted commas and apostrophe for possession.
- Writing fictional stories about castles.
- Continuing to read in groups at school through guided and shared reading sessions. This year is the 'Year of Reading' and children will be challenged to read up to 100 books by the end of the school year!

MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES

The children will practise times tables and mental skills every day. Other Maths activities for this half-term will include:

- Adding and subtracting using formal written methods (columns)
- Measuring, writing and reading the time on digital clocks and in Roman Numerals.
- Modelling 2d and 3d shapes, and recognising different angles and lines.
- Fractions of shapes and numbers and fractions to decimals.
- Solving number and word problems.
- Statistics: Pictograms and tables linked to geography.

SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Children will learn about Light, including thinking scientifically and investigating how objects obstruct light to make shadows.

R.E.

Journeys, Listening and Sharing and Lent/Easter.

This year is the 'Year of Mercy' and we will be introduced to this during this half-term.

GEOGRAPHY ACTIVITIES

During this half-term the children will be studying maps and identifying different continents and countries within the continents.

They will also be locating geographical features such as rivers and mountain ranges and discussing why people live in various places.

There will be a research/homework topic on a country of their choosing for the children to present.

COMPUTING

We will be accessing ICT in all curriculum areas. In computing lessons we will be doing work on programming software and use multi-media to create different types of presentations.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

As part of our Castles topic children will focus on the specific design aspects of Castles. We will look at how to design a draw-bridge and why the people who built castles made specific design choices. We will concentrate on the design features of the castle rather than the design techniques (building on from the techniques used last term to build the robots!)

P.E.

P.E kit to remain in school at all times until holidays. P.E. is on Mondays and Thursdays. We also have a P.E. Apprentice in with us on Mondays to help us with our focus this half term on finishing our dance topic and net/wall games.

MUSIC

Weekly Ukulele lessons on a Wednesday afternoon.

HOMEWORK

Homework: Spellings and homework given on a Friday to be handed in Wednesday.

The focus this half-term is on times tables, handwriting and independent research. Please encourage your child to practise these skills in their spare time at home. Homework will always be explained to your child. Don't forget homework club is available on Wednesdays!

REMINDERS

Water bottles: Please ensure your child has a water bottle in class with their name on.

P.E. Kits, all children to remember their P.E. Kits and plimsolls.

I have asked children to put reading books that are finished/need changed into a basket on a morning. I am encouraging them to be responsible in year 3 for saying when they need to change their books, please remind them if they have not changed their books in a while. Thank you for your ongoing support. Mrs Sherrard, Mrs Watts and Mrs Salmon.