

English and Communication

Reading: We will look at different kinds of texts linked into our topic and will include opportunities to read and follow instructions, read information texts to learn about different time periods and stories about the different job roles held by people working and living in castles.



Writing: We will continue to work on developing our phonic knowledge and applying this in our writing, along with adding detail and interest to our sentences. We will create our own fact files and information pages related to our topic and use headings, labels and captions to help us organise our writing.

Drama/Role Play (if appropriate): Some children may want to explore and invent their own castle adventures, dressing up and making masks to help them act them out.

Maths and Problem Solving

In maths, our classes will be covering a range of topics including fractions and time, whilst continuing to work on our number knowledge and applying our knowledge to solve problems.

In fractions, our focus will be on recognising equal and unequal parts, recognising and finding halves, thirds and quarters of numbers and shapes and name and write fractions.

We will also be revisiting previous learning about time and expanding our knowledge including telling the time on both digital and analogue clocks, telling the time on the hour, half past the hour, quarter to and quarter past the hour.

Our classes will have lots of opportunities to explore concepts practically using equipment, technology and look at different ways to represent their ideas and working out.



Key Dates this Half Term

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

14/04 – Vaisakhi

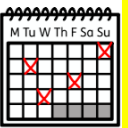
23/04 – St George's Day

01/05 – Vesak

04/05 – Bank Holiday

08/05 – VE Day

09/05 – World Fair Trade Day



Creative Thinking



Art and DT – Our classes will explore structures through building towers and turrets using recycled materials, considering how to make them taller, stronger, and more stable. They will evaluate and improve their designs, developing problem-solving skills. In addition, they will create tunnels using cardboard tubes inspired by characters from our key texts, supporting imaginative play.

In Art, we will be learning to use different types of paint using different techniques. We will be covering a range of methods and exploring how that changes the outcome of our painting.

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

Using Technology



Children will use Purple Mash to design and create digital towers, tunnels, and turrets. They will research key details about these structures, including their features and purpose, and annotate their work to show what they have learned.

Children will learn what personal information should never be shared online and talk about situations like receiving messages from strangers or clicking unknown links. This helps them stay safe while being creative with their digital work.

Key Texts:



Sir Scallywag and the Battle for Stinky Bottom – Giles Andreae

The Cook and the King - Julia Donaldson

Identity and Wellbeing



In SRE children will learn about growing up and the changes that happen to their bodies and emotions during puberty. They will also explore what makes healthy relationships, the importance of respect and consent, and basic information about keeping themselves safe and healthy as they grow.

Healthy Lifestyles

PE- In PE, children will develop basic skills and simple tactics for team games. They will play games such as "defend and attack the castle," tag, and dodgeball to practise attacking and defending. These activities will also help improve balance, coordination, teamwork, and confidence.

Food Tech – In cooking, children will make foods from different historical periods, linking to our topic work. They will explore medieval snacks, Stone Age skewers, Ancient Egyptian flatbreads, and simple World War II ration-style recipes. This will help them learn about history through food while developing basic cooking skills.



Careers and Independence

Children will learn a range of important life skills to help them become more independent.

This includes using public transport, visiting shops, making a healthy snack, going to places like the cinema or a café, knowing how to get help in an emergency, and remembering their own address and phone number.



Home Learning Opportunities

Learning about the body - Discuss healthy habits like washing hands, brushing teeth, and eating balanced meals. Explore new healthy meals to try at home

Maths – Please look at different fractions of things when sharing food, counting out objects and money, to help reinforce learning in class.

Reading – Help your child to read and follow instructions and simple recipes, to learn how to report unsafe comments or messages online and you could read and learn about different time periods.

Independence – Learn about your own address by looking at post delivered to your home and talk through what to do if you need help in an emergency, including using 999 to make emergency calls. Visit local castles.

