

### Our PE this Half Term

This half term in P.E. we will be putting our dancing shoes back on and will be focusing on mastering the skills we learnt last half term. We will be looking at mastering our balance and strength and learning how to apply our skills to a performance. PE for Year 2 is on a **Friday**. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days. They will not be able to change whilst at school.

### Our R.E this Half Term

This half term we will be learning about the concept of light as a symbol. We will be focusing on when we use light as a symbol such as birthdays and special occasion. We will then look at two religions (Christianity and Judaism) and see how and why they use a light as a symbol for advent and Hanukkah. We will gain knowledge and understanding of how another group of people use light.

### How can you help at home?

**Reading** - Please continue to read with your children and check their understanding of content by asking questions.

**Maths** - Adding 3, 1 digit numbers. The children will need to add confidently 3 1 digit numbers such as  $3 + 4 + 6 = 13$ .

**History** - Research about your class' castle Windsor or Balmoral. Did anyone Royal live there? What is it used for now?

## Dates for your Diary

Thurs 12th Nov 2020 - Bring in your homemade Motte and Bailey Castle.

Tues 1st/Thurs 3rd/Fri 4th Dec 2020 - Parents' Evening Phone Calls.

Fri 11th Dec 2020 - Christmas Jumper Day.

Mon 21st Dec 2020 - Christmas Dinner Day.

Tues 22nd Dec 2020 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

**Tues 22nd Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021 - END OF TERM.**

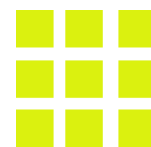
Mon 4th Jan 2021 - First day of Spring Term.

**Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb 2021 - HALF TERM.**

**Fri 27th Mar - Fri 9th April 2021 - Easter Holidays**

**Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2021 - HALF TERM.**

Friday 23rd July 2021 - Last day of Summer Term.



# Nine Acres Primary School Autumn Term 2 Year 2 Team

Miss Fry



Miss Hayward



Mrs Frampton



### Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term our learning is focused on History and Castles. The children will be learning about how castle have changed over time and why. We will look at different locations where castles are situated and then focus on Carisbrooke castle. They will look at Charles the 1st and find out how he got stuck in a window! If you can find out any more facts about castles and Charles the 1st, please bring them in to show us.

We are very much looking forward to the children settling back into Year 2 and want to thank families for their engagement at school and at home.

**With thanks the Year 2 Team.**



## Parent Information Leaflet

*'Striving for Excellence'*

# Year 2 - Autumn Term 2 2020—Trapped in the Tower!

## Important facts to know by the end of this study:

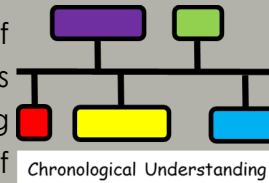
- Castles have changed from places of battle and status to museums and homes for royals.
- Castles have lots of interesting features to help them not get defeated such as moats, arrow slits and crenulations.
- Charles 1st, a king of England, was imprisoned in Carisbrooke castle on the Isle of Wight in 1647. He wasn't even supposed to be king but his brother died so he took the position.
- Carisbrooke castle is a motte and bailey castle and is still standing after hundreds of years.

## Key Skills

Developing enquiry skills within History to support our learning of how castles changed over time and why,

Developing skills of how to order events over time by looking at the ordering of different castles and the life of Charles the 1st.

Using resources such as books and the internet to find out new facts in order to deepen our knowledge.



Source analysis and interpretation

## Key Vocabulary

**Castle** - a large, strong building where a noble lived with his family and servants.

**Moat** - a deep ditch dug around a castle, fort, or town for protection against enemies.

**crenulation** - a crenel, notch, or indentation.

**arrow slits** - a small hole in the wall of a castle to shoot arrows out of and that arrows can't easily come back in through.

**Gatehouse** - the building at the entrance of a castle.

**Drawbridge** - a bridge built over a moat so that it can be raised to stop enemies coming in.

**Portcullis** - a strong, sliding grill suspended at the top of a fortification gatehouse that can be lowered to prevent entry to a castle.

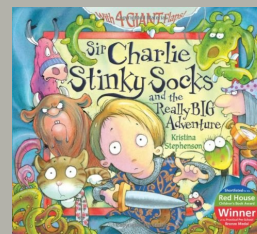
**Motte** - a mound forming the site of a castle.

## Our English this half term!

Have you ever wanted to hold a sword? Is it your favourite thing to be a knight and storm castles?

Don't fear because this term in English we will be pretending to be Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and writing diary entries, writing letters to persuade him to go on adventure and writing a poem about one of the beasties he faces! Charlie unfortunately has incredibly stinky socks but we promise you his story doesn't stink!

## This term's exciting books!



## Our Maths this half term!

During Early Bird Maths this half term, we will be looking at mastering our addition and subtraction knowledge of adding and taking away two 2-digit numbers.

We will be learning how to recognise different coins and how to get change if we bought something.

We will also be developing our multiplication skills and division skills by multiplying and dividing by 2, 5, and 10.