

Our PE this Half Term

This half term in P.E. we will be focusing on catching and throwing, looking at different ways to travel and building on agility, balance and co-ordination. PE for Year 2 is on a Friday - All children to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

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 for reflection 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 different groups of people use light in different ways. Perhaps, at home, take time to safely light a candle with your child to relax, remember or solve a problem in quiet reflection time.

How can you help at home?

Reading - Please continue to read with your children 3 x week and check their understanding by asking questions.

Maths - Counting forwards and backwards within 100 and practising 2's,3's,5's and 10's times tables by counting up in those numbers.

History - Explore Google Maps together. What castles can you see around the world? What castles can you find in the UK? What castles can you find near where you live?

Dates for your Diary

Fri 12th Nov 2021 - DEVELOPMENT DAY - School closed to pupils.

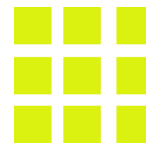
Week of 22nd Nov (Date TBC) - Trip to Carisbrooke Castle.

Mon 29th Nov & Wed 1st Dec 2021 - Parents' Meetings.

Mon 20th Dec 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day.

Tuesday 21st Dec 2021 - Last day of term - Early Closing.

Wed 22nd Dec 2021 - Mon 3rd Jan 2022 - Christmas Holidays.



Nine Acres Primary School Autumn Term 2 2021

Year 2 Team

Miss Fry



Miss Hayward



Miss Perumall



Mrs Frampton



Mrs Barnes



Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term our learning is focused on the History of Castles. We will be learning about how castles have changed over time and why. We will look at different locations where castles are situated and what they were used for. We aim to take our learning further by exploring our local castle and being up close and personal to real life history!

With thanks,

The Year 2 Team.

Knowledge Organiser

'Striving for Excellence'



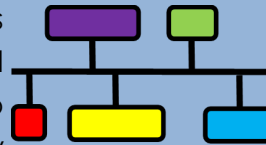
Year 2 - Autumn Term 2 2021 - History & Castles

Important facts to know by the end of this topic:

- Castles in the past were built either to protect or for royalty to live in.
- Castles are now used as museums for people to visit.
- Some older castles are now ruins.
- Some castles were used as prisons.
- Windsor and Balmoral are castles in England.
- Carisbrooke Castle is a castle on the Isle of Wight.
- Carisbrooke Castle is a motte and bailey castle.
- Charles I was an old King who started the English Civil War, He was imprisoned at Carisbrooke Castle before his execution.

Key Skills

Using words like then and now to compare how castles have changed over time.



Chronological Understanding

Enquire about the use of castles and if they have remained the same over time.



Key Vocabulary

past - something that has already happened

present - something that is happening now

castle - a type of fortified structure that was built many years ago.

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

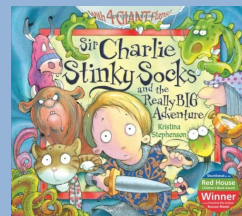
motte - a mound forming the site of a castle or camp

bailey - the courtyard within a strong wall.

keep - a fortified tower on the top of the motte

Our English this half term

Have you ever wished you could be a knight and storm a castle that a dragon is guarding? Don't fear because this term in English we will be writing our own versions of Sir Charlie Stinky Socks' Great Big Adventure. The children will develop knowledge of using 'so' as a conjunction, expanded noun phrases to add description and commas to separate a list. The children will also focus on editing to improve their writing for the reader by making sure they haven't missed any words, the tense verbs are all correct and use a dictionary to check their spellings!



This term's exciting book!

Our Maths this half term!

During Early Bird Maths this half term, we will be looking at deepening our understanding of taught arithmetic skills and working hard to achieve our badges.

In our everyday Maths learning, we will learn how to subtract two 2-digit numbers where we might need to borrow a ten! Also, we will develop our multiplication skills and division skills by multiplying and dividing by 2, 5, 10s and some of us 3s!