

## LITERACY



This half term, the children will be writing across a range of genres.

Through the topic of Castles they will be writing letters, stories, poems and descriptions. They will also be learning about explanation texts. Handwriting will continue to be taught, with joins being introduced.

They will take part in daily guided reading activities and will continue to be heard read at least once per week by the class teacher. Focus for some children will be on 'reading to learn' and answering questions about a text, finding examples from the text to support their answers.

Phonics sessions will also take place, where the children will be grouped.

## ART



Children will be thinking about tone, colour and shade this half term. They will be designing and making their own coat of arms, thinking about what pictures would represent their family best. They will learn about colour mixing and collage to produce a shield.

## Maths



The focus for maths will continue to be on mental maths skills. The children should practise and become fluent in number bonds to ten and twenty, doubles and halves and begin to think about the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, moving on to the 3 and 4 times tables.

In addition to this, the children will be learning to write numbers in figures and words, recognise number sequences and addition and subtraction, with focus for some children being on the application of number skills to real life contexts. They will also be continuing to tell the time, weigh and measure and recognise and describe 2 and 3D shapes.

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## Design Technology



This half term, the children will be learning the skill of sewing. They will design and make their own purse or bag for a knight or a princess. They will design the patterns and choose a stitch to join the sides together.

## PE

PE will be on **Monday** or **Tuesday** afternoons taught by Mr Coley who is a sport coach coming into school, and also on Thursday afternoons when it is taught by the class teacher..



Please remember to bring PE kits for this day.

*PE kit usually consists of a plain white top and bottle green shorts/bottoms and black pumps. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for PE lessons.*

## History



The children will be learning all about the history of Knights and Castles this half term. They will learn about castle life and how children become a Knight. They will learn about significant figures in history, such as Henry VIII. They will also be learning about the history of weapons and defences used in castles.

## MUSIC



The children will have the opportunity to join the choir with Mrs Vaughan. In the classroom, they will be learning about composition and adding sounds to a story or poem all about castles.

## Geography



Connected to our topic of castles, the children will be learning all about the location of castles and looking at contracting localities to Bournville. They will consider why castles were built where they were.

## RE-

This half term we will be thinking about living by rules; who makes the rules, could we live without rules and what rules did God make for Christians. This will lead on to the children thinking about behaviour choices they make and what Islam teaches about being peaceful and calm.

## VISITS/OTHER

Author of the half term- Hans Christian Anderson.  
The children have enjoyed a visit to Tutbury Castle in Derbyshire.