

Topic - Castles and Dragons

St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School Fir Class Autumn Term Overview - Year 1



<p>English</p>  <p>Pupils will have the opportunity to use a range of genres of books this term including: fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The literature that we will be using is, where possible, linked to our topic. Pupils will be developing their knowledge of punctuation and grammar by being taught to use full stops and capital letters for the end of a sentence and proper nouns. We will be beginning to find out about conjunctions to join ideas and different sentence openers.</p>	<p>Mathematics</p>  <p>We will be focusing on key skills in maths including finding and remembering number bonds to 10, developing addition and subtraction strategies and grouping objects to multiply and divide numbers. Pupils will continue to develop their knowledge of 2 and 3D shapes.</p>	<p>Science</p>  <p>This term there will be a focus on different materials. Pupils will be investigating the properties of materials. Pupils will be set the challenge of finding out which material will be the best to use to make a roof on a castle. Pupils will also be carrying out an investigation into which material castle builders used to make the buildings. During the second half term pupils will be planting spring bulbs and observing any changes to the bulbs.</p>
<p>Design Technology</p> <p>We will be designing dragon puppets using everyday materials. Pupils will need to include moving parts for the mouth and wings.</p>	<p>Topic</p> <p>This term our topic is 'Castles and Dragons'. We will find out about why castles were built and who lived there. Pupils in Fir will be investigating why some castles became ruined during conflicts. We will use dragons as a focus in English and DT. Pupils will use the images of dragons as inspiration for writing imaginatively.</p>	<p>Religious Education</p> <p>This term we will be reflecting on the questions 'Who am I?', 'What is special about me?' and 'Who am I important to, what is important to me'. As we make our way towards Christmas we will be finding out about why Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas.</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>Pupils will receive specialist sports coaching with 'TNS' on a Tuesday. This term they will be focusing on key skills. On a Thursday, pupils will have PE with Miss Garbett. We will be focusing on team games and movement.</p>	<p>PSHE/SEAL</p> <p>Fir will continue to explore feelings and emotions through 'Circle Time' activities. This term there will be a focus on 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling Out'. Pupils will be encouraged to discuss their own experiences and find solutions to conflicts that they might face.</p>	<p>Homework</p> <p>Each week pupils will be set Literacy and Maths homework to either support the learning of that week or support pupil to develop key skills. <i>Homework will be set on a Friday and be due in the following Wednesday.</i> <u>Spellings</u> will be based on the spelling rules as set out in the National Curriculum and the spelling patterns that children are expected to know. <i>Spellings will be set on a Friday ready for a test the following Friday.</i></p> <p>As a school we are going to continue to set a termly project. This term children will be asked to make a castle using everyday materials found in the home.</p>
<p>ICT</p> <p>This term, pupils will begin to use the Internet for research with support. They will be finding out about local castles and the history of previous Kings and Queens and Queen Elizabeth II.</p>	<p>Art and Design</p> <p>Pupils will be completing a 'child friendly' batik project based on the art of Welsh artist Dorian Spencer Davies who is a current artist with a back catalogue of bright castle paintings.</p>	
<p>Music</p> <p>Pupils will be continuing to access music through the Shropshire Music Service. Pupils will be using their voices as well as instruments to recreate and compose music.</p>		