



Class 2 Newsletter - September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I hope the start of the year finds you all well and that the children are rested and ready to start their time in Class 2. I am very much looking forward to teaching your child this academic year.

The children in Class 2 are beginning the school year with an exciting topic titled 'Castles'. Within this topic we will delve back in our history to the Medieval Times. Throughout the topic the children will cover the key skills and objectives in the National Curriculum for Geography, History, Art and DT key skills. Science and RE will be taught separately, but links will obviously be made where appropriate. Our discrete Science topic will be Materials, and our RE topic will be Books and Stories in Christianity.

Within our topic, 'A Knight's Tale' children will be learning about the history of castles and the developments and changes in castles over the years. They will learn about the significance of William the Conqueror and how the Bayeux Tapestry has been a very important piece of history. They will research and evaluate the different defences that castles had along with ways that castles kept themselves safe when under attack. The children will learn about the different roles within a castle environment and in particular the exciting and prestigious job of being a knight. In Art and DT, the children will have the opportunity to design and make their own castles as well as designing shields for a knight to wear, paying particular importance to the colours and symbols used.

The topic will culminate in a medieval banquet where the children will be invited to dress up and take part in traditional medieval festivities. You will be invited to attend part of our banquet celebration where the children will share some of the exciting things they will learn during the topic. Keep your eyes peeled for a date towards the end of this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a welcome meeting straight after school on Monday 12th to discuss all classroom routines with you and share the structure of the Year 2 timetable. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have about your child's education.

I look forward to meeting you all very soon and do not hesitate to come and see me should you have any concerns.

Mrs Newton