



Burton Joyce Primary

Spring 1 in Foundation

English

In English, we will be sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our castle topic, such as The Legend of Robin Hood, Castles, George and the Dragon, Rapunzel and the Princess and the Pea. We will be writing labels, posters, speech bubbles, short descriptions and simple stories linked to the texts.

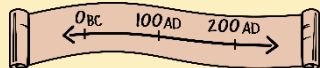


Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the Spring Term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed the festivities. The children have enjoyed sharing their Christmas holiday experiences with us at school and are settling back into the routine. They have started learning about this half term's topic – Our Castles – which is filled with new facts and exciting activities. They loved the hands-on learning about the Legend of Robin Hood with our visit from the Partake Theatre Company on Wednesday - you can get a taster of the fun we had on our Tapestry post. At the end of this half term you will receive a report to show your child's progress. If have any queries or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Geography and History

In this topic, the children will learn about the Legend of Robin Hood. They will learn how to identify castles, how they are built to keep out the enemy and where to locate them on a map.



Science

As part of our Castle topic, we will be learning about properties of materials and testing what we could use to build 'castle' walls.



Maths



In Maths, we will learn how numbers to 10 can be represented with digits and objects. We will start to learn one more and one less than a number. We will learn to identify shapes with up to 4 sides and start to learn about time, including days of the week.

Computing



In Computing, our focus will be on coding. We will be using Apps on the iPad to code using a sequence of commands and also programming Beebots.

Art & DT

Our art this half term is inspired by Mary Blair's artwork, with a particular focus on castles. We will learn how to shade, lighten and darken, using paints and other media such as crayons. In DT we will use our skills to make a collaborative castle.





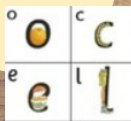
PE

In our dance unit we will learn to copy, repeat and perform actions to music. We will work individually, in partners and groups to perform sequences in 'unison' (together at the same time) and in 'canon' (one after another.)



Phonics

We will be reviewing the Set 1 sounds and learning "special friends" sounds from Set 1 and Set 2 (see the RWI Sound Chart previously sent home). "Special friends" are when two letters come together to make one sound, like 'sh'. Children will read and write CVC words and may also apply them reading sentences or books in the daily "story time." They learn that, "You can't Fred a red" as red words can be tricky to sound out and are taught to be read by sight (i.e. I, the, to, no, go, we, she, he.)



PSHE

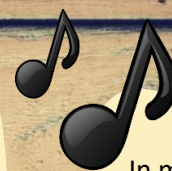
In PSHE, this half term's focus is 'dreams and goals'. In this unit, we will be looking at trying new things, setting goals, overcoming challenges and how to get support to help achieve our goals.



RE



This half term's RE focus is "Special Stories from the Bible." The children learn what the Bible is and about some of the stories taught in the Bible, including The Creation Story, Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Big Fish. We look at what we can learn from these stories, such as about making good choices, saying sorry, forgiveness and being brave.



Music

In music we will be exploring the range of voices through vocal play and developing a sense of beat by performing actions to music. The children will be moving freely and expressively to a range of music.

Dates and Reminders:

- ✓ Pantomime – Fri 19th Jan
- ✓ Welly Wednesday:
10 Jan, 24th Jan, 7th Feb
- ✓ Homework reward deadline – 7th Feb

The First Aid online system is up and running, so please check emails – if your child has an accident or injury in class you will be informed via email.

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are named, including coats, hats and wellies. Water bottles should be named and filled with water only please. Your child should bring in their reading folders each day (with books to be changed on a Friday.)

Check Tapestry for class updates - you can upload photos of homework tasks or news too. Please send in or upload completed homework grids by Wednesday 7th Feb in time for our homework awards.

Have a great
half term

