

Welcome back to Autumn 2!

This half term's topic is called Kingdoms and Castles and is based around our history focus about the Queens of England. As this letter outlines, we have lots of learning to do but it is also time for us to start practising the Nativity over the coming weeks and we look forward to inviting you all to our performance in December! If you would like to know more about anything in this letter, please do come and see me.

English

We are continuing our work on narrative writing, this time using traditional tales and putting a little twist in them. We will use the text 'Prince Cinders' by Babette Cole to help us with our writing. Later in the half term we turn our focus to information texts and aim to write a guidebook for visitors to 'Darwin Castle' (our role play) telling them all about its history and interesting facts.

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Maths

This half term will cover measurements such as time and length, as well as revisiting addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to use different approaches to calculating to help us solve problems, and we will be applying our skills to different contexts. We will also look at fractions and practise giving and reading directions.

Topic

We will be learning the language of chronology and creating a timeline of three of the Queens of England: Elizabeth I, Victoria and Elizabeth II. We will look at their reigns and compare the changes in life during their times on the throne. We will also be creating a Royal Gallery by painting portraits of the Queen and in DT we will be making our own castles with moving parts such as drawbridges and flags.

PDL

Our topic is called 'Working Well With Others' and we will be exploring ways to co-operate with each other and create a happy classroom.

ICT

As Christmas is coming, we will be using powerpoint to create electronic cards by downloading pictures and typing greetings.

PE

Mr Holmes continues to work with us each Wednesday afternoon and We have gymnastic instructors visit us on Monday morning.

Music

Most of this half term will be taken up with learning our Nativity Songs so that they sound perfect for the performance!

Science

Our exploration of animals and their habitats continues, in particular looking at how animals choose their homes and the food chains that they rely on. We will be investigating where we find different animals and creating a wormery so that we can observe behaviours.

Homework

Homework continues to be set on Fridays and reviewed by the following Friday. I will continue to set a maths activity and a set of key word spellings. Children also have their home reading books which they can change each morning as they need to. I will shortly be setting the half term project which, as usual, will be an open-ended project resulting in something to present to the class based around castles and queens. More information will follow soon!