



Our topic this half term is "Why were castles built?"

# Class 2JP-Spring 2

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your child will be studying during this half term.

## Homework:

Homework will continue to be sent out each Friday; to be returned by the following Friday.

## Spellings:

Spellings will continue to be given out each Tuesday. A spelling test will take place the following Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

## Reading:

During the first term, Class 2JP met the 'Must, Could and Challenge' on a number of occasions. Moving forward, I am challenging the class to continue in this positive direction. Please continue to read a few pages of your child's home reading book every night and sign the reading record after your child has read. You can also support your child's learning by asking a few questions about the book.

**PE:** PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has full PE kit in school on these days. Children should bring trainers that they can wear for PE outside. Please remember earrings should not be worn on PE days.

## History:

As historians the children we will be investigating Castles. They will be researching when and why castles were built, who lived in them, what life was like and what has happened to castles since the medieval period. The children will have opportunities to ask questions about the castles and will use a range of secondary sources e.g. pictures, books and ICT to help them find the answers. The children will present information in a range of different written styles.

## Literacy: Our main areas of study will be:

- Fantasy Stories
- Non Chronological reports
- Diaries
- Instructions

During literacy your child will be focusing on grammar, punctuation and guided reading.

## Science:

In Science our main topic will be 'electricity'. The children will identify and describe the uses of everyday appliances and research 'why do we need to be careful with electricity?'. The children will learn about simple series circuits involving batteries, wires, bulbs and other components and they will have the opportunity to investigate how a switch can be used to break a circuit.

**RE:** In RE, we will be retelling the story of Easter, exploring the different ways how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus at Easter. We will also spend time reflecting on the sadness of Easter but the happiness of the resurrection.

**ICT:** During ICT we will be using the internet to research information about different Castles.

The children will continue using a range of different software e.g. word processing and art packages.

The children will also continue to develop their understanding of E-Safety.

## Numeracy:

Our main areas of study will be:

- Calculation
- Addition and Subtraction
- Fractions
- Measurement

- Problem solving and reasoning

Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for the relevant number facts.

**Music:** During music lessons the children will continue to learn about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning will be focused around exploring and developing their musical skills.

## Art/ DT:

During our Art and DT lessons we will be designing and making a personalised 'coat of arms' and making a moving jousting picture.

**And finally...**Please feel free to come and speak to Mrs Acey, Mrs Smithson or myself, either before or after school if you have any queries.