

In English we will be focussing on:

Writing to Inform:

We will be writing recounts about our experiences of real life events. We will be using these skills to help us write newspaper reports for a purpose. These will focus on reported speech and interviews. We will be taking on the role of some historical figures to write letters for a purpose. We will also be creating posters to showcase some of our newly gained knowledge about towers, tunnels and turrets.

Writing to entertain:

We will be using the structure of traditional tales and our knowledge of castle life to help us to recreate some well known tales.



ST NICHOLAS AND ST LAURENCE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL Spring Term 2020

Our Topic Is Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. Year Two



In maths we will be focussing on:

Year Two:

- Multiplication and division using arrays and number lines.
- Statistics, where the children will learn how to read and create graphs and pictograms.
- Length and height, where the children will be looking at refining their measuring skills and solving problems with their new skills
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Fractions, where the children will learn all about $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ s and other unit fractions.

In Music we will be focussing on:

- Patterns and rhythm



Key vocabulary linked to topic:

Castle, attack, bailey, bridge, tower, tunnel, turret, defend, enemy, engineer, invade, inventor, moat, motte, structure

Please also refer to our Common Exception word lists on the website.

In Science we will be focussing on:

- living things and their habitats: We will be finding out about why animals live where they do and how they have changed over time.
- The use of every day materials and their properties. We will be investigating properties to help with our DT projects.

During our topic we will be focussing on:

- DT: Making models of towers, bridges and tunnels.
- Art and Design: Sculptures using natural materials
- Computing: Purple Mash units of study
- Geography: structures around the world, towers and bridges in the local area and their uses
- History: Castles and castle life, significant individuals : Isambard Kingdom Brunel
- PE: defending and attacking games, balance and co-ordination



In RE we will be focussing on:

- **JUDAISM:** With a focus on Passover, children will be asked How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?
- **SALVATION:** Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Ways you can help your child this term:

- Refer to knowledge organiser to support understanding of key words and information from our topic.
- Listen to them read every day,
- Visit local castles or research some nearby,
- Practise your cutting and sticking skills at home in a variety of ways