



Castles!



Year 1
Spring 2 2015

As **Historians**; We will be finding out about castles and their significance in our local area. We will use historical words and phrases to describe the passing of time and use evidence to ask questions and find the answers to questions about the past.

As **Scientists**; We will be looking at plants and doing some experiments to find out what they need to grow.

As **Artists**; We will look at the painting 'Castle and Sun' by Paul Klee. We will use printing, collage and pastel techniques to create our own castle pictures based on his work.

In **Computing** we will use software to create our own masterpieces based on Paul Klee's 'Castle and Sun' art work.

In **Geography** we will be using atlases to find and locate the four counties which make the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We will also be looking at the location of castles in the UK and studying aerial photographs of castles.

How you can join in at home: We will be shortly be sending home a 'Castle Project'. This will be a creative and voluntary project for you and your child to complete together over the next few weeks.

English:

Our literacy this half term will be based on traditional tales with a particular focus on Jack and the Beanstalk.

The children will...

- Sequence, retell and reenact stories using puppets, props and costumes.
- Write character descriptions based on pictures and information from the text.
- Plan and write their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk with sentences correctly demarcated by capital letters and full stops.

We will also be looking at non-fiction/ books about castle and knights and the children will write their own information texts which include headings and diagrams.

We will also continue to read 'The Magic Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton as our class novel.

Grange First School Drivers

Creativity: We will be setting ourselves the challenge of working collaboratively and imaginatively to create a class performance. We will creatively explore the colour, shape and textures of Paul Klee and produce work inspired by him

Community: As members of the Newcastle community, we will be finding out about our local history and what it was like for the people who lived here in the past. In Science week we will be meeting and learning from scientists who work in our local community.

Enquiring Minds:

We will be taking part in science week from 16th - 20th March. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to take part in science experiments, thinking about what might happen and why.

Mathematics:

The children will...

- Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.
- Measure and record lengths in centimetres.
- Name and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Compare and solve problems for capacity and volume.
- Recall all doubles and halves of numbers to 10.
- Recall all pairs of numbers to 10.
- Count in 2's, 5's and 10's and apply this knowledge when solving problems.

Phonics: We will be focusing on revision of learnt sounds and introducing alternative spellings for sounds including;

ee/ea (need/bean) oy/oi (toy/ boil)

ai/ay (pain/play) ew/ue (flew/ blue)

aw/or (lawn/ torn)

- We will also be looking at split diagrams:

a_e (came/ blame) i_e (bike/ hide)

u_e (flute/ tune) o_e (cone/ bone)

RE: The children will find out why Easter is the most important festival to Christians. They will also find out about the ancient Hindu festival Holi.

Music: This half term's Charanga is all about action songs. We will also be learning some songs to perform in our class assembly

PE: Please try to ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times including footwear suitable for outdoors. This half term we will be learning a dance to perform at the Newcastle Dance festival in April.

Home School Learning

Spellings - The weekly spelling test will continue to take place on a **Thursday**.

Readers - continue to enjoy reading with your child and don't forget to sign the reading record every time they read to you at home so they can gain their reading awards!

Please remind your child that they need to bring their book bags to school every day and homework needs to be returned by **Thursday**.

Dates for the Diary: Class Assembly Wednesday 25th March at 9.15 am. Trip to Newcastle Keep planned for 23rd March