



Year 2SM Summer 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,

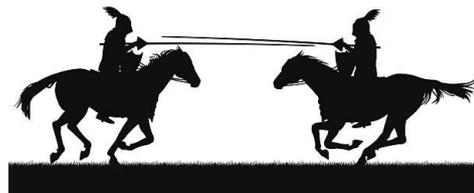
Through great determination by all of the staff and children in year 2, we are very proud and fortunate to have made such progress over these last months. This school year will be remembered by us all for many reasons; we have done our utmost to ensure that your child has made accelerated progress this year, in preparation for the next.

This term our topic is Knight and Castles. It is a wonderful way to round off our year as this unit encompasses and make links to some of our learning covered this year. We hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child's learning at home.

Our long and medium term plans outline the activities and key skills that the children will be covering. When undertaking this work, we will be focussing on giving the children many opportunities to develop independent learning skills. You can view all of the exciting things we will be learning about the long term and medium-term plans. These can be accessed on the school website at www.bankfootprimary.co.uk

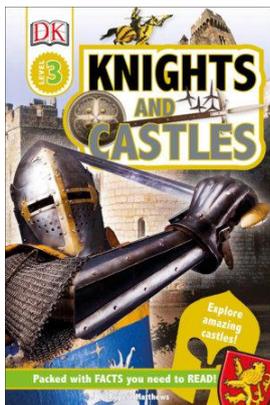
Historians

As Historians the children will be finding out about the way of life of people in the past. We will research castle life, looking at coats of arms, knights, fighting, food and the design of castles. We will also find out about falconry, jousting and court jesters.



Geographers

As Geographers the children will be looking at a castle in each country that make up the United Kingdom. We will be using aerial photography to help develop map skills. They will use positional language to give directions. They will be describing where castles are and look at what the places are like. The children will be using maps, Google Earth and photographs to help us describe the places we are studying.



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Design Technologists

As Designers the children will be exploring mechanisms. We will look at how drawbridges and a portcullis work and then will design and make their own. We will explore fabrics and design a robe for the ruler of the castle.



Artists

As Artists the children will have the opportunity to use suitable sketching pencils to sketch dragons and castles. We will view different artists work. The children will choose and explain why they have chosen specific pencils and materials as they progress to become independent artists.

Scientists

As Scientists, we will continue to deepen our understanding of our previous topics focussing on materials and plants. We will look at some of where fabrics are obtained and some of the processes taken to transform them into everyday materials.

We will look at the different materials use in the construction of castles around the world and how the land is used for in the way of food production and castle gardens.

Religious Education

We round the year off by reflecting on what we have learned in our religious studies overtime and why learning about different beliefs and practices are important.

PSHE

Our focus this half term looks at keeping safe in different places. We discuss who to turn to when worried. We look at how to be safe on the road, in the environment and online. In this unit we also examine the word 'community' and explore the special people in our community who help to care and provide for us.

Health & Fitness advisors

In Physical Education we will be studying cricket and athletic activities. During these topics the children will have the opportunity to extend and improve their prior learnt skills. They will focus on spatial awareness, catching and throwing skills.

Forth coming events

Bike Taster day

July 12

School Closes for Summer Holiday

July 16

Finally...

We very much acknowledge, appreciate and value the support you give your child. The school/home partnership plays an extremely important role in your child's progress and their learning journey.