

Year 2 Learning Web

Summer 1 2018

Knowledge and Understanding

Learning challenge: Castles and dragons

- In **History**, we will be looking at the history of castles, including Kenilworth Castle.
- We will also be finding out about the differences and similarities between Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth.
- In **Geography**, we will be continuing our work on aerial photographs and maps when looking at Kenilworth Castle.
- In **RSMSC**, we will be looking at the religion of Islam and their traditions of Ramadan and Eid.

Maths Focus

We will be:

- Continuing to develop our skills with problem solving and reasoning
- Telling the time to 15 and 5 minutes
- Partitioning numbers in different ways
- Revising our methods of mental and written addition and subtraction
- Revising how to find fractions of a number
- Practising questions for our arithmetic and reasoning papers

STEM (including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning challenge: Habitats and food chains

- We will be taking part in 'Activate' twice a day to keep our brains and bodies healthy.
- In **Science**, we will be learning about habitats and food chains. We will be looking at local habitats, world habitats and micro-habitats.
- In **Computing**, we will be controlling an on-screen object using coding.
- In **PE**, we will be looking at invasion games and developing our skills in throwing, catching, passing and dodging.
- During **PSHE**, we will be focusing on keeping healthy and relationships.

Creativity

- In **Art**, we will be looking at an artist called Paul Klee and his artwork called Castle and Sun. We will also be using Kenilworth Castle to inspire our drawing, as well as creating our own stamps by drawing a self-portrait.
- In **Music**, we will be drawing our responses to music. We will also be looking at Elizabethan music and a hymn relating to our topic, *When a Knight Won his Spurs*.

English Focus

We will be:

- Reading different texts linked to our topic.
- Researching castles and knights and creating our own information texts.
- Describing characters and settings.
- Looking at alternative endings for a story.
- Writing about real events, e.g. the Royal wedding.
- Continuing to practise our joins and ensuring our letters are formed correctly when joining.
- Practising our Year 2 common exception words and weekly spellings.
- Using different sentence types in different genres of writing.

Ways you can help at home

- Encourage your child to read on a daily basis and ask them questions about what they have read.
- Record in your child's reading record when they have read and ensure that they always have their book and reading record at school.
- Encourage your child to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including the related division facts.
- Encourage mathematical problem solving in real-life situations, including telling the time to 5 minutes and using different coins to make an amount.
- When writing with your child, always ask them to use a pencil. Get them to think about how to form their letters and ensure the letters p, q, g, y, and j fall below the line when writing in lower case. Encourage your child to use known joining patterns.
- Ensure your child is practising spellings and using them in other pieces of writing.