

Newdigate C of E Infant school curriculum information for parents - Spring term 2019

English

We start this half-term by writing a Christmas holiday recount. We will be using our new topic as a stimulus for some fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing. We begin with a focus on traditional tales (Jack and the Beanstalk, The Frog Prince, Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella), using drama, art and talk as stimulus for our own descriptive writing. We will also be writing information books on Castles and children will be engaging in performance poetry, including familiar nursery rhymes. Later on we will be immersing ourselves in the world of dragons, with opportunities for both descriptive and non-fiction writing.

On Thursday 7th March 2019 we will be celebrating the value of books and reading through World Book Day.

Computing

On-Line Safety: The children will continue to learn how to stay safe on-line in our **On-Line Safety week** including 'Safer internet Day' 2019 on Tuesday 5th February with the theme **'Together for a better internet'**. We will be learning about using technology safely and respectfully and how to keep personal information private. They will learn about where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online material. The children will then create posters to show their understanding.

Editing – We will be looking at how to edit our work using delete and back space keys.



Maths

We will start the term with a focus on addition and subtraction, working with numbers to 20. We are continuing to encourage children to use a range of strategies (including numicon, number lines, tens and ones and mental calculations) to calculate and solve number problems. We will also continue to learn number bonds to 10 and 20 by heart. Later on we will be consolidating numbers to 50 and starting to investigate multiplication using 2s, 5s and 10s. After the half term we will focus on measuring height, length, weight and capacity. This will provide lots of opportunity for topic based learning investigating the height of beanstalks and depth of moats!

Science

In Science we will be using the topic as a stimulus to explore materials and their properties. This will start by going on a materials hunt and sorting out different 'objects' according to the material(s) they are made out of. As we continue as 'Materials Investigators', we will experiment with different materials to find out which one is the best for making a boat and a shield. As we near Spring we will be starting to look at the plants and trees that are starting to grow around our school, including planting our own beanstalks and sunflowers. Throughout the term we will also be exploring the weather and seasons.

Year 1



TURRETS & TIARAS

'MOLES' - Learning outside the classroom

Our focus this term is to develop outside learning through our **'Welly Wednesdays'** when **the whole school** will be spending the afternoon outdoors exploring a range of topic led activities (Archery, fencing and art) as well as developing forest school skills and learning about how we can care for God's world. More information about the practical information was detailed in an earlier letter. Please see the office re clothing for this day, if you have mislaid the letter.

PSHCE

The children will be learning how to stay safe on-line and taking part in Safer Internet Day 2019. They will also be exploring difference in a positive way, learning how it is **'good to be different.'** Through the exploration of children's books that focus on diversity they will be encouraged to recognise, embrace and celebrate difference in all forms.

P.E

This term we are lucky to have Premier Sports working alongside us to deliver netball sessions across the school for the first half term and then football after the half term break. Children will also be given regular 'physical' rest and rejuvenation breaks throughout the week as well as participating in outdoor learning.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is **'Turrets and Tiaras'**. As usual we will link as much of our learning as possible to our topic and we are expecting a lot of dragon and castle experts to emerge and help us on our way. In our stunning start on Thursday a scroll arrived from Sir Fred of Newdigate challenging the Newdigate children to numerous quests which includes

After half-term for our **'fantastic finale'** we will be holding a Medieval Day with costumes and the school will be turned into a castle under siege! The children will join in a range of activities, e.g. making candles, scent bags, soap and then enjoy an entertaining banquet.

We will also be practising our Spring and Easter songs in hymn practice in preparation for the Church Service later on in the term.

R.E.

Our value this half-term is **'Trust'**, followed by **'Thankfulness'** after half term. Please try to find the time to discuss these values with your child.

In R.E. we will be looking at the question 'Who is Jesus?' We will explore the key events in his life and what Christians believe about Jesus. We will also investigate whether Easter is a happy or sad time. Year 1 will also have the opportunity to visit Guildford Cathedral.