

Newdigate Infant C of E 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. The first few weeks will focus on 'Dragons' and children will engage in drama, art and talk as a lead up to writing reports, descriptions and stories. We will also be creating some dragon and dragon landscape poetry. Later on in the term, the children will write non-fiction booklets on castles and will focus on traditional tales such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Princess and the Pea'.

Spelling will focus on contractions, suffixes, alternative spellings and pronunciations and common exception words.

In Guided Reading sessions, the children will be given opportunities to use and focus on **inference** and **prediction** skills.

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.

Coding: The children will be learning how to create and debug simple programs.

P.E

This term we are lucky to have Premier Sports working alongside us to deliver hockey 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**' Sir Fred of Newdigate delivered a scroll challenging the children to become Knights of the Newdigate Realm by completing numerous quests from being able to name the different parts of the castle, training to defend themselves against enemies and dragons, and designing and making a castle.

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.

Maths

We will be focusing on multiplication and division this half term as well as fractions, shape, space and measure and time. We will spend an increasing amount of time on problem solving activities and how to approach these. We will also be revising number facts up to 20 and then up to 50. We will then extend this to 100. We will continue to practise the 2, 5 and 10x tables and will increasingly focus on the 3x tables. Later on in the term, we will focus on position and direction and on using all four operations to solve money, measure and time problems.

The children will have opportunities to practise some 'mental maths' skills and they will continue to participate in daily mental maths activities.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about taking care of our teeth! We will be focusing on why we need teeth, good oral hygiene and food that is fit and healthy for our teeth. We will be carrying out experiments to see what happens to our teeth when we drink. We will then focus on food health, food groups and then later on in the term, we will be learning about plants, their habitats and how animals need plants for survival. We will also be learning about living and non living things.

We will continue to focus on asking and answering questions and engaging in scientific enquiry. We will consider what constitutes 'a fair test' and design our own experiments.

Year 2



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 answering the question 'How can we 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.

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 questioning 'Why did Jesus tell Parables?', what we can learn from these parables and reflect on what this means in our own lives. We will also use our enquiry skills to look at the question 'Is Easter happy or sad?'