

**CLASS/YEAR GROUP: Oak – Years 1 and 2**

**TEACHER: Miss Makuch**

**DATE: Autumn 2019**

## OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

Our topic work will help us to learn how different types of castles and battles have shaped Britain today. In RE/PHSE we will learn about the importance of showing respect to others regardless of whether they are similar or different to us.

## LEARNING FOR LIFE

In PHSCE We will be learning about ways to keep safe. We will also be beginning to think about the importance of being money smart.

We will also continue to develop our team building and problem-solving skills.

## INSPIRED LEARNERS

As always the children have already thought about our new topic and what they would like to learn and do to help them feel motivated and engaged from the start. We also have a range of visits, visitors and experiences planned to include trip to Arundel a local castle.

**English:** This term will really develop and explore the children's imagination. We will be focusing on 'A child of Books' by Oliver Jeffers in fiction as well as exploring a range of fairy tales and other books written by the same author. The children will learn how to become independent writers, across a range of text types. Our focus will be on sentence structure and using different types of sentences with the correct punctuation. We will be developing our vocabulary through guided reading sessions which will allow the children the ability to choose a range of words in their writing, making it more exciting to read. The children will also be looking at the persuasive element of non-fiction in letter form. We will use lots of drama, role play and speaking and listening activities to help develop our ideas and understanding of the text we are learning about.

**Maths:** We will be learning about numbers and the number system, ensuring we have strong understanding of place value and more or less. We will then continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills by using mental and written methods of calculation. This will then move onto multiplication and division for Year 2 whilst Year 1 will concentrate on geometry, specifically 2D and 3D shapes, naming and discussing their properties.

**Science:** The children will start off by completing some investigative work regarding pets and what they need to survive. They will continue with grouping animals according to what they eat using scientific vocabulary. They will be describing how animals grow and finding out what they need to survive.

**Computing:** We will be learning how to become more confident and independent when using the computers and tablets for different purposes and creating our own audiobooks.



**Geography:** This term we will be looking at a range of maps and use these to develop our geographical language skills when giving directions. We will also be learning the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. We will looking at the features built to enable a castle to be defended.

**History:** We will be learning about castles and medieval times, finding out about the defence, features, jobs around the castle, knights and many more. The children will also have the chance to visit a local castle and think about how they would protect it if they were king or queen.

**Art & Design:** Using castles as the theme, we will be focusing on observational line drawings. The children will be given the opportunity to draw Arundel castle on their visit but will work up to this as a final piece. We will also be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy, about sculpture and texture and how we can use a range of materials to mimic the structure of castle.

**Design and Technology:** The children will be designing their own story house from the story 'A child of books.' They will be using shoe boxes and creating rooms for their house, each themed on a particular favourite story or part of a favourite story. We will also be thinking about how packaging is made and how best to package our most treasured possession so that it stays safe.

**RE/PSHE:** In RE we will begin by thinking about why we should take care of the world around us through many stories from a variety of different religions. We will then be looking at celebrations including Christmas and Eid al-Fitr. We will also be raising money for our class charity the Make a Wish Foundation. In PSHE we will be thinking about how to keep ourselves safe and how best to look after others.

**Music:** The children will be concentrating on tempo and rhythm to create and produce their own fairy tale themed music. They will be using boomwackers alongside the Cinderella or Jack and the Beanstalk piece of music by Donna Minto.

**PE:** We will be learning to develop our cooperation skills through teambuilding activities and working on our attacking and defending skills in football.



## Additional Information

### Homework

The children will receive weekly spellings on a Friday which they should learn at home during the week ready for a spelling test the following Wednesday. In addition they will be given one piece of maths homework per week which will reflect what they have been learning in class. This will be set on a Friday and collected the following Wednesday.

The children should read at home at least three times per week – this can be anything that interests the children including magazines and comic books. Please record this in your child's reading diary. Once the children have read three times they will move up the reading ladder, after they have reached the top of the ladder they will receive a new book.

### Ways That You Can Help Your Child with Our Topic

Any additional reading/research/trips to the library will support our in-school learning about castles.

### Important Dates & Curriculum Visits

Arundel Castle Visit: 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Individual and sibling school photos: 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

Harvest Festival: 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 9:15am

**INSET: 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Parents' Evening: 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

Anti-bullying Week 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Nativity performance: 10<sup>th</sup> Dec (dress rehearsal)

Performances: 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2.00 p.m.

Christmas lunch and class party: 20<sup>th</sup> December

End of term: 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Stunning start & Fabulous Finish

#### Stunning Start:

We will start our topic by visiting Arundel Castle on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September to inspire our imaginations with real life learning.

Fabulous Finish Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm

### PE/Games Kit/Days

PE will be on Monday and Tuesday but please can the children have their PE kit in all week in case this needs to change.

The children will be participating in both indoor and outdoor PE throughout the term and therefore their kit should include shorts, t-shirt, plimsolls and jogging bottoms or similar...please check all items are named in case we need to re-home them!

Thank you!