

Personal, Social and Health Education

Our topic for this half term is Citizenship. We will be discussing

- **Responsibility:** Learning about rules, caring for others (including animals), and understanding people's needs.
- **Community:** Exploring similarities and differences, and what it means to belong.
- **Democracy:** Making fair decisions together

Literacy

This half term we will be exploring the stories of **Zog** by Julia Donaldson and **The Queens Hat** by Steve Antony. We will be:

- Writing simple sentences to write descriptions.
- Leaving finger spaces in between words and forming lower case letters correctly
- Using full stop at the end of a sentence and use capital letter at start of sentence.
- Beginning to use the grammar vocabulary 'adjective'
- Using phonics and Red Words in reading and writing.

History

Why do we have castles?

We will be looking at:

- What a castle is.
- What they were like.
- Who lived in a castle.
- How people were treated.
- How castles were used to protect people and to give them security.

Design and technology

We will be:

- following a design criterion to meet the needs of a user.
- making a stable structure.
- making functioning arms that attach to the supporting structure.
- evaluating and improving our catapults.

What you can do at home:

Please continue to read with your child **daily**. Continue to help your child learn their Red Words. Practice maths and spelling on Spelling Shed and Numbot or TT Rockstars.

Science

During science lessons we be investigating materials we will

- Explore materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock.
- Distinguishing the difference between objects and materials that they are made of.
- Experimenting with melting and freezing.
- Why do objects float or sink?
- Which materials absorb water?

Maths

As Mathematicians we will be:

- continuing to develop our addition and subtraction calculation skills within 10.
- exploring common 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

Sport and PE

Year 1 will be taught PE on a Wednesday and Friday

- **Parkour** – This term we'll be exploring lots of fun movements! We'll practice balancing, crawling, hopping, jumping, landing, leaping, running, sliding, and stepping.
- **Yoga** – We'll be working on balance, flexibility, strength, and coordination.

Music

Through the song "**Castles**" we will be learning:

- listening to and appraising other styles of music
- continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games and singing
- Learn the songs for our Nativity.

Year 1
Autumn 2
What makes a good Castle?



Computing

During this unit we are introduced to early programming concepts. We will:

- explore using individual commands, both with other learners and as part of a computer program.
- identify what each command for the floor robot does.
- use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.

RE

Our Big Question this half term is "**What do different Jewish people believe about God?**"

The focus of our study will be:

- God as creator.
- Abraham's covenant with God.
- The Shema – the central affirmation of Judaism.
- Cultural/secular Jews and those with no beliefs.