

Our PE this Half Term

PE for Year 2 is on a Tuesday. Please ensure that children come to school on this day already in their PE kit with appropriate shoes. This half term the children will be learning to develop our athletic skills. We will be focusing on how to run at speed and length whilst staying straight!

Our Religious Education and World Views this Half Term

This half term we will be learning about the concept of light as a symbol. We will be focusing on when we use light for reflection such as birthdays and special occasion. We will then look at two religions (Christianity and Judaism) and see how and why they use a light as a symbol for advent and Hanukkah as well as reflection.

How can you help at home?

Reading - Please continue to read with your child 3 times a week and don't forget to make sure it is logged on Go Read. Remember to ask your child lots of questions while they are reading to check their understanding.

Maths - To support with our learning of measurement in school, anything that you can allow your child to measure at home would be fantastic. Using a ruler to measure length or weighing ingredients ready to bake a cake are all great opportunities for children to explore their new skills.

Your child will come home with their homework each **Friday**, this will be due in the following **Wednesday**. The homework has opportunities to revisit key spellings, maths skills and writing tasks.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 17th Nov 2023 - Year 2 Cinema Trip.

Wed 22nd Nov 2023 - Year 2 Carisbrooke Castle Trip.

Mon 27th Nov 2023 & **Wed 29th Nov 2023** - Parents' Evenings.

Fri 1st Dec 2023 - Mufti Day for the Christmas Market.

Fri 8th Dec 2023 - Christmas Market.

Wed 13th Dec 2023 - KS1 Nativity - Afternoon Performance.

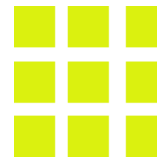
Thurs 14th Dec 2023 - KS1 Nativity - Morning Performance.

Mon 18th Dec 2023 - Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day.

Tues 19th Dec 2023 - Early Closing at 1.00pm

Wed 20th Dec - Mon 1st Jan 2024 - Christmas Holidays.

Tues 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY



Nine Acres Primary School Autumn Term 2 2023

Year 2 Team

Miss Hayward



Mrs Gould



Mrs Frampton



Mrs Jervis



Dear Families,

This half term our learning is focused on the History of Castles. We will be learning about how castles have changed over time and why.

We will look at different locations where castles are situated and what they were used for. We aim to take our learning further by exploring our local castle and being up close and personal to real life history!

We will be learning about the life of King Charles 1st and how he was an important figure in History. What castles have you visited? Do you know the importance of Carisbrooke Castle to the Isle of Wight?

With thanks,

The Year 2 Team.



Knowledge Organiser

'Striving for Excellence'



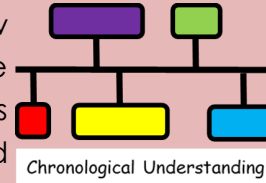
Year 2 - Autumn Term 2 2023 - Why are castles so important?

Important facts to know by the end of this topic:

- Castles in the past were built either to protect or for royalty to live in.
- Castles are now used as museums for people to visit.
- Some older castles are now ruins.
- Some castles were used as prisons.
- Windsor and Balmoral are castles in England.
- Carisbrooke Castle is a castle on the Isle of Wight.
- Carisbrooke Castle is a motte and bailey castle.
- Charles I was an old King who started the English Civil War, He was imprisoned at Carisbrooke Castle before his execution.

Key Skills

Using words like then and now to compare how castles have changed over time.



Enquire about the use of castles and if they have remained the same over time.



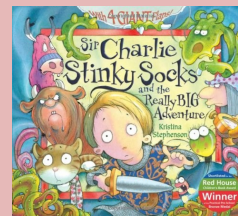
Key Vocabulary

- past** - something that has already happened.
- present** - something that is happening now.
- castle** - a type of fortified structure that was built many years ago.
- moat** - a deep ditch dug around a castle, fort, or town for protection against enemies.
- motte** - a mound forming the site of a castle or camp.
- bailey** - the courtyard within a strong wall.
- keep** - a fortified tower on the top of the motte.

Our English this half term!

Have you ever wished you could be a knight and storm a castle that a dragon is guarding? Don't fear because this term in English we will be writing our own versions of Sir Charlie Stinky Socks' Great Big Adventure. The children will develop knowledge of using 'so' as a conjunction, expanded noun phrases to add description and commas to separate a list. The children will also focus on editing to improve their writing for the reader by making sure they haven't missed any words, the tense, verbs are all correct and use a dictionary to check their spellings!

This term's exciting book!



Our Maths this half term!

During Early Bird Maths this half term, we will be looking at deepening our understanding of taught arithmetic skills and working hard to achieve our badges. In our everyday Maths learning, we will learn how to subtract two 2-digit numbers where we might need to borrow a ten! Also, we will develop our multiplication skills and division skills by multiplying and dividing by 2, 5, 10s and some of us 3s!