

CASTLES

Year 2 - Topic Web - Term 1

This term our learning is all about castles!
Below is an overview of what your child will be learning in each subject.



Maths

- This term the children will begin by working with numbers to 100. They will be able to partition numbers into Tens and Ones and flexibly partition numbers in different ways. They will recap counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and move onto counting in multiples of 3.
- In addition and subtraction, children will apply their number bonds to quickly recall addition and subtraction facts to 10 and relate these to bonds to 100. They will add and subtract one and two-digit numbers.



English, Reading and GPS

- This term the children will begin by exploring narratives with the book 'The Castle That Jack Built'. They will use the Talk4Writing process to retell the story and make simple changes. They will use their trip to Dover Castle to write a recount and then create fact files about castles.
- In Guided Reading sessions, the children will develop their fluency in blending, expression and comprehension skills.
- In GPS lessons, the children will learn about word classes (nouns and adjectives) and explore the composition of a sentence, including correct punctuation (full stops, question marks and exclamation marks).



Science

- This term, the children will be investigating different materials and their properties. They will begin by identifying a range of different everyday materials before looking closely at the properties of each type of material and sorting by these.
- Using fair testing, the children will consider the suitability of different materials for different jobs, thinking about the desirable properties.
- They will also briefly look at the topic of sustainability and recycling of materials.



History

- This term the children will be learning all about castles. They will discover the features of a castle and why they were built. They will think about who lived in castles and how they were defended.
- Linking to our local area, the children will study Dover Castle. This will be supported by a trip to explore the castle and its grounds and learn about its importance to Dover and England.



R.E

- This term the children will explore the question "Who is Jewish and what do they believe?". They will learn about Jewish festivals and practices, such as Shabbat, and understand the importance of religious symbols such as the mezuzah in the home.



D.T

- This term, the children will be creating food for a banquet. They will research the types of food served at a banquet, before planning and creating their dish.
- They will practice the safe use of cooking implements and hygiene rules when working with food.
- Once their dishes have been created, they will use the all-important taste test to evaluate their final product.



Music

- In music this term the children will learn the song 'Hands, Feet, Heart' which introduces the children to South African music.
- This unit teaches the children the importance of finding the beat in a piece of music and keeping time with others.
- The children will have the opportunity to perform as a group and introduce simple instruments to their singing.



P.E



Computing

- This term the children will be completing the unit 'Hit, Catch, Run'.
- The unit focuses on outdoor activities and will develop hand-eye co-ordination and get the children to consider how they move their bodies to hit and catch equipment and how to run with co-ordination and speed.
- This term, the children will be beginning with the unit 'Route Explorers'. They will learn to program a turtle object to move around the screen using simple algorithms (instructions). They will check code for errors and debug them to make them work.
- In Online Safety, the children will explore the topics of 'Self-Image and Identity' and 'Online Relationships' looking at how we represent ourselves and interact with others online.



PSHE

- This term the children will be learning about 'Family and Relationships'.
- They will explore different types of families and the support we get from our loved ones.
- The children will also consider their friendships and how they can be a good friend.



We are looking forward to a fantastic term of learning!
Thank you for your continued support.





WELCOME TO YEAR 2!



Uniform

- As we return for another school year, looking smart with fresh, new uniform and shiny shoes – please make sure that all items are clearly labelled!
- PE kits should be brought into school ready for their first session on Tuesday. These will remain in school and be sent home each half term for washing.
- Please ensure that your child has a coat in school, just in case of showers!



Reading

- Children will bring home a new reading book this week, ready to begin the routine of daily reading again. Please make sure that you sign the reading record to show that you have read with your child. They will read to an adult at least twice a week in school.
- Children continuing Phonics will also bring home a copy of their Guided Reading book each Friday, please share at home and return these each week ready for the next one.



Home Discovery

- New Home Discovery books will be sent home on the first Friday of Term 1.
- These will contain a range of tasks related to this term's learning.
- Please ensure that these are returned each week by Thursday so that they can be marked.
- We thank you for all your support with your child's home learning 😊



Welcome back to a new school year at Green Park Community Primary School. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children and have lots of exciting things planned for the year.



Reminder: Children should arrive in the morning at the silver gate by **8:45am** and should be collected from the lower playground at **3:05pm**.



We try to be on the gate in the mornings as much as possible, so please catch us if you have any questions or just need to pass on a quick message! Teachers are also available on the playground at the end of the day if you need to arrange a longer chat.



We appreciate all of your hard work with the children at home and our aim is to nurture a strong home-school partnership, which will help the children to thrive.



Year 2 Team