CASTLES & COASTLINES

Year 2 – Topic Web – Term 2

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

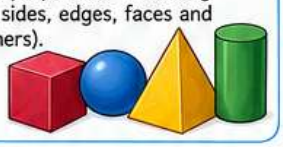
Geography

- This term the children will be learning all about what makes their local area special. They will think about what we can find in our local area, using images and maps to support their exploration.
- The children will practice using simple maps to plot routes and navigate.
- They will also learn about different forms of transport and their routes.




Maths

- This term the children will be developing their addition and subtraction skills. They will experiment with different ways of adding numbers, including counting on and using known number facts to bridge through a Ten.
- The children will learn how to subtract by counting back, finding the difference and using known facts to subtract across a Ten.
- Later in the term, the children will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes. They will describe their properties – including counting the sides, edges, faces and vertices (corners).



English, Reading and GPS

- This term the children will begin by exploring narratives with the book 'Zog'. They will use the Talk4Writing process to retell the story and make simple changes. They will also use this story to create character descriptions about the dragon! At the end of the term, the children will be writing letters to Santa.
- In Guided Reading sessions, the children will continue to develop their fluency in blending, expression and comprehension skills.
- In GPS lessons, the children will learn about adjectives (describing words) and learn how to use a comma to separate two adjectives in a list. They will also learn to use the conjunctions – so, but, because and that.



Science

- This term the children will be continuing their learning about materials. The focus of their learning this term will be on how materials can be changed by processes such as heating and cooling.
- They will conduct a fair test to investigate the effects of changing state with a range of simple materials.




R.E

- This term the children will continue to explore the question "Who is Jewish and what do they believe?". They will be learning about the Jewish festival Hannukah and comparing the traditions to the Christian celebration of Christmas.




Art

- This term, the children will be exploring colours. They will be introduced to the colour wheel and learn about primary and secondary colours.
- The children will explore how colours are used by artists to reflect feelings and moods. They will also learn about how to create different shades of a colour by adding white and black to affect the tone.




Music

- In music this term the children will learn the song 'Ho! Ho! Ho!' which is themed around Christmas celebrations.
- They will also learn Christmas carols in preparation for the annual Carol Concert on the playground at the end of term.



P.E

- This term the children will be learning simple Gymnastics skills.
- The children will explore different ways of moving around the space and shaping their bodies.
- They will learn jumps and put them together to create a simple routine. Working in pairs and individually, they will experiment with balances.




Computing

- This term, the children will be beginning with the unit 'The Internet'. They will discover what the internet is and what it can be used to do in our everyday lives. They will also use the 2Paint program, to create their own pieces of digital artwork.
- In Online Safety, the children will explore the topic of 'Copyright and Ownership' looking at how digital content is owned and shared.



PSHE

- This term the children will be learning about 'Connecting with Others'.
- They will explore different ways of building safe, caring relationships with others.



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

WELCOME TO YEAR 2!

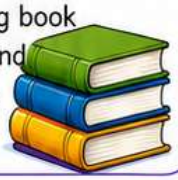
Uniform

- As we enter the colder months, please make sure that your child is bringing a suitable coat into school everyday.
- PE kits should be brought into school ready for their lessons on **Tuesdays**. These will remain in school and be sent home each half term for washing.

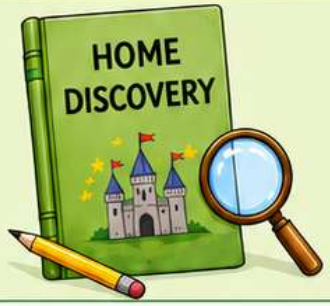


Reading

- Chidren 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 2.
- 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 term at Green Park Community Primary School. We are really looking forward to continuing with more exciting learning about a range of new topics.

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