

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Year Two



Welcome to the Autumn 1 edition of the Year 2 Maple newsletter. You will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher.

Our current learning journey is: Why does Britain have Castles?

Curriculum outline

Reading: This half term, we are starting to develop the fluency of sight-reading words. We are also beginning to answer simple retrieval questions about texts to increase understanding. Children on RWI will also be securing their sounds through daily RWI sessions.

Writing: This half term, children are writing a setting description for a Medieval Castle and a narrative based around the text 'George and the Dragon'.

Maths: This half term's maths focus is place value and addition and subtraction. Children will use equipment and pictorial representations to understand the value of 2-digit numbers. When this is secure, children will begin to use concrete, pictorial representations and written strategies to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers.

Science: The children will be learning about materials. They will be investigating which materials can be squashed, stretched, bent and twisted. They will then carry out a series of investigations to explain which materials are most suitable for particular purposes.

DT: Children will create a free-standing structure of a castle. They will have to consider which materials are appropriate to use, how to join them and ensure they are sturdy enough to stand.

History: Children will learn about William the Conqueror and how he brought castles to England. They will then study castles and how they have changed over time. They will also visit Conisbrough Castle to gain first hand insight into what a castle is like.

Helping your child at home

To support your child at home, you could:

- Listen to them read each night and record this in their planner
- Access EdShed for spellings
- Support and encourage them to complete the set maths and reading activity.
- Watch the phonic videos sent home each week for your child's colour group.

Notes

22nd Sept – Conisbrough Castle visit

26th Sept – 10th Oct – Book Fair

26th Sept – Wind in the Willows production

28th Sept – McMillan Coffee Morning & Stay and Read

29th Sept – Gareth Baker Poet

18th Oct – Parents Evening

19th Oct – Dress as a Medieval knight/person

20th Oct – INSET day

