

Goldthorn Park Primary School Summer Term Year 2.



Welcome back after the Easter break.

We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday! We look forward to an exciting and busy term ahead, full of learning!

Maths

As mathematicians in Year 2 the children will be counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens up to 100. We will also be counting above 100. They will practise adding two numbers together (starting with counting on and moving onto partitioning) and will begin to quickly recite the number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. The children will continue to use the four operations. They will learn the features of 2D and 3D shapes and be able to name triangles, squares, rectangles, circles, hexagons, pentagons, heptagons and octagons, and will also explore problem-solving using multiplication and division facts, money and time.

English

In English, the children will be working on writing sentences using a range of punctuation and applying phonic knowledge. Children will be encouraged to use conjunctions, adjectives and suffixes to improve their writing. The children will begin the term sharing a text called 'Hector and the Big, Bad Knight' which they will use to predict, infer and produce some descriptive writing. They will also write fact files, create a Castle explanation text, write book reviews and create their own stories.

Science

As scientists the children will find out about living and non-living things. They will be learning how to identify living things, things that have never been alive and things that are dead. The children will also be learning about different habitats and how they suit different animals. The children will create their own animal habitats using shoe boxes and found materials.

Also children will find out about plants. They will explore how seeds and bulbs grow into mature flowers, look at how seeds are dispersed and explore conditions needed for growth alongside growing cress and observing it, describing how it will grow and making predictions.

Religious Education

The children will share special stories for Christians and Muslims. They will be encouraged to ask questions and share their thoughts and feelings.

Art

As artists children will be exploring the work of Paul Klee 'The Castle and Sun'. They will look at how Klee uses shape to create his work and produce a similar version using their own designs.

Design Technology

As designers the children will design and make their own castle using recycled materials.

P.E

This term there will be a focus on multi-skills. Children will learn different skills in games and get prepared for Sports day. They will also do dance, exploring music and movement.

History

As historians the children will look at the first castles, why they were built and who lived in them and what sort of jobs were done. They will find out about the Battle of Hastings and make a model of a Motte and Bailey castle. In June children will experience a fantastic day of workshops from a company called 'Happening History'. Children will dress in medieval clothing, make butter as they did in medieval times and experience life in a castle.

Geography

In Geography children will explore where Castles are around England and why they were built there. They will compare Britain then to what it is like now.

Music

As musicians the children will be learning to accompany their songs with simple percussion instruments. They will listen to 'Greensleeves, the medieval song composed by King Henry V111 of England and perform a Medieval dance.