



A message from *Miss Arrowsmith*

I would like to begin by wishing you a Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. I am thrilled to be back in school and am looking forward to hearing all the festive news from the children, they have definitely grown over the holidays! We are heading in to a busy but exciting term in Year 2, learning new skills and continuing to become independent learners. This newsletter should provide you with some useful information about the topic and areas of the curriculum we are studying this term.

This term's topic is ...

TOWERS, TUNNELS AND TURRETS!



See the castle ahead? Get ready to invade its mighty walls! Head across the drawbridge, over the moat and up to the top of the tower! Meet Rapunzel who lives in the tower and Sir Jay, a medieval knight with a story to tell. Investigate high and low, go deep down into the tunnels and help the fairytale characters by designing and creating some amazing structures.

Mathematics and Numeracy

In our maths lessons this term we will be looking at reasoning and applying our mathematical skills to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. We will be using maps to develop our understanding of co-ordinates. Through our topic and role play we will develop our understanding of money, measure, shape and time. Our topic work will also provide data for us to sort and interpret.

Language, Literacy and Communication (English)

Through our topic work we will be learning about recounts and report writing. We will learn about language used in posters and continue to develop our use of adjectives to make our story writing amazing! We will continue to develop our handwriting and spelling skills across the curriculum.

Reading

We will continue to develop our reading skills through independent, guided and shared reading activities. We will be looking at the features of fiction and non-fiction texts linked with our topic and continue to develop our comprehension skills. Please ensure reading books are returned every Wednesday!

Expressive arts

Through our topic work, your child will explore and experiment with a variety of techniques and materials. They will develop their planning, designing, modelling and reflecting skills. This term we will be visited by Mr Smith for our weekly Music sessions.

Health and well being

*In PE we will be focusing on gymnastic skills, developing muscle tone appropriate tension and balance
In PSD, we will communicate what is good and bad, right and wrong, fair and unfair, caring and inconsiderate.*

Language, Literacy and Communication (Welsh)	Science and Technology
<p><i>This term we will be learning to talk about our families and our likes and dislikes. We will listen and respond to Welsh fairytales. We will continue to develop our incidental Welsh inside and outside the classroom.</i></p>	<p><i>We will link our science work to our topics and develop our skills of prediction, investigation and evaluation. We will find out where worms like to live and investigate how materials are used in constructing bridges. In IT, we will develop our skills by sorting and grouping information using J2e. Bee-bot and Pro-bot will help us with our programming skills. We will be applying our ICT skills across the curriculum.</i></p>
<p>Humanities</p> <p><i>Through our topic, your child will think creatively and imaginatively. They will think about questions and find answers in a range of resources. In RE, we will look at how Easter is celebrated by Christians.</i></p>	
<p>How you can help your child</p>	
<p><i>As a school we are working hard on promoting the importance of spelling correctly. This term we are having a big push on spelling accurately in our work and making spelling fun. Our aim is to produce capable and independent spellers through an engaging and challenging whole school approach. Please encourage your children to think carefully about their spellings and to learn lists that will be sent home through fun multi-sensory activities.</i></p> <p><i>The children made excellent progress last term and I am sure that this will continue. Thank you for your support!</i></p>	
<p>Useful Information (stick me on the fridge!)</p>	
<p>Homework:</p> <p><i>Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday or Thursday at the latest.</i></p>	<p>Snack:</p> <p><i>Healthy snack is provided for all the children at a charge of £1 per week. This can be paid weekly or termly (£6.80 this term).</i></p>
<p>PE days and required kit:</p> <p><i>PE will take place on a Wednesday. Please provide a named t-shirt, shorts/joggers or leggings for your child and we can keep the kit in school for the term.</i></p>	
<p><i>Thanks again for your support and if you have any questions or concerns then please message me on Class Dojo or catch me in the morning or at the end of the day!</i></p> <p><i>Diolch, Miss Arrowsmith</i></p>	
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