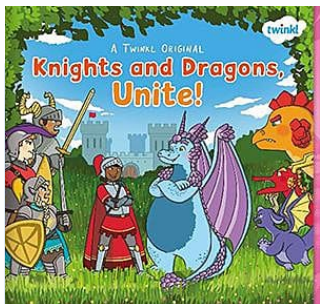


Spring 2

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



English

Our learning this half term will link to our topic 'Near, Far, Wherever you are'.

For the first part of the half term the children will learn the beginning and

middle parts from the story 'Knights and Dragons Unite!'

The children will learn about rhyming and make their own rhyming strings which they will use to write rhyming couplets. They will use this learning to write their own ending for the story.

For the second part of the half term the children will learn the features of a non-chronological report. They will write questions and research facts about castles.

They will use this to write their own non-chronological report on castles.

Topic

This half term our topic work will link to 'Near, Far, Wherever you are.'

In history the children will learn about castles including motte and bailey castles and medieval castles. They will learn about the features and explore the similarities and differences.

In geography they children will learn about the four countries in the UK and identify castles within these countries.

In art and DT the learn about shade and tone. They will use this to support them with drawing their own dragon eyes. They will use clay to make their own dragon eyes.

As part of our fabulous finish we would like to invite all the children to come to school dressed as a knight, king, queen, prince or princess on **Thursday 31st March**. The children will have a royal banquet. We kindly ask for a £1 donation towards the cost of the banquet, which can be handed to your child's class teacher in a named envelope.

How you can help at home

Please read at home with your child daily and discuss what they have read with your child. In Freedman class, books should come to school everyday. Your child's book will only be changed once they have finished it and are able to answer questions on what they have read. We ask that you read the book at least twice to build your child's fluency and understanding. Please sign the reading record every time you listen to your child read. In your child's reading record will be a list of words.

These include both real words and alien words. Please practise these words with your child when you listen to them read.

PE

PE is every **Wednesday**

The children should wear their PE kit to school. Their uniform should stay at home on this day. This half term the children will be taught gymnastics. The children will learn to use their bodies to make large body movements.

Maths

This half term in year 1, the children will learn to the number bonds to 10 to support them to work out the number bonds to 20. The children will learn to add and subtract numbers with 20 using their knowledge of number bonds to help them. The children will build on their knowledge of fact families.

They will also learn to count forwards and backwards to 50 and learn the value of each digit in a 2 digit number to 50. The children will learn how to work out one more and one less from a number to 50.