



Year 2 Term 2 Newsletter 2023

Our topic over the next 2 terms will be focusing on
Street Detectives/Towers, Turrets and Tunnels.

Our key question is:

How has Rochester changed over the years?

Maths: Time, fraction of a shape, fraction of an amount, money,

**Literacy: sentence types, non-chronological reports, descriptive writing,
diary entries, verbs and adverbs and using commas in a list.**

History - Castles

- To recognise why people did things and what happened as a result
- To recognise why events happened.
- To communicate my knowledge through drama and role play.
- To communicate my knowledge through writing.

DT - design and build a castle (including a working drawbridge).

- To identify simple design criteria for castles
- To make simple drawings and label parts of my design of a castle
- To assemble, join and combine materials in order to make a product
- To evaluate my product as it is developed and make changes.

Computing - Digital photography

- **E-Safety**
- To recognise what devices can be used to take photographs
- To describe what makes a good photograph
- To decide how photographs can be improved
- To use a digital device to take a photograph.

PE -

Thursday - Indoor - Gymnastics

Tuesday - Outdoor - Football

RE - Christianity (Christmas)

- To think about what we celebrate and how we celebrate.
- To be able to recount the Christmas story.
- To know what Christians believe about Jesus being God's son
- To explore how Christians celebrate Christmas.
- To investigate how Christmas is celebrated by Christians around the world.
- To recap and summarise what we have learnt about Christmas.

PSHE - Relationships.

- To understand what bullying is.
- To know how someone may feel if they are being bullied.
- To know who to ask for help if I feel unsafe.
- To know about the things I have in common with my class friends.
- To understand how and why friends have similarities and differences.
- To learn how to share ideas and listen to others.

General Reminders

- Times Tables Rockstars -The expectation is that the children complete at least 10 minutes per day learning their times tables.
- Please remember to read every night with your child and remember to update their reading record book. We aim to read at least 5 times a week.
- Spellings come home on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.
- Red phonics folders come home on a Monday and include working being learnt that week, along with a mini-book that you can remove fold and read at home.

Year two will also be learning about The Great Fire of London in some cross-curricular learning.

Teachers - Mrs Bennett and Mrs Langford

Geography -

- To identify the countries of the UK and surrounding seas.
- To identify the capital cities of the UK.
- To compare Rochester to a non-European country.

Helpful Hints

If you need some ideas for books your child could borrow from your local library, you may like to link them to castles, poetry, the Christmas story and books based on friendships.

Here are some websites that may support your child with their learning:

History - castles

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/rochester-castle/>

Geography - the UK

<https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/geography-of-the-uk>