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Year Two Term 2 Newsletter 2024

Our topic over term 1 and 2 will be focusing on:

Street Detectives/Towers, Turrets and Tunnels.

Our key question is:

How has Rochester changed over the years?

Maths: Telling time to 5 past and to the hour, fraction of a shape focusing on $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$, fraction of an amount and money.

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

History - Castles

- They will look at why Castles were built and what their different features were for.
- Learning about the Siege of Rochester Castle and the children will be re-enacting the siege out in class.
- Visiting Rochester Castle to see where the Siege took place.

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

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

Science- Animals including Humans-

- How do animals change as they get older?
- What do animals need to survive?
- Why should Humans exercise and eat different types of food?

RE - Christianity

- To think about peace as part of the good news Christians believe Jesus brings.
- To think about what Christians believe Jesus showed them about how to pray.
- To think about the important parts of prayer for many Christians

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.

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 Friday.

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>

PE -

Thursday - Indoor - Gymnastics

Tuesday - Outdoor - Football