



Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fantastic start to the term in year 3 and I am writing to give you an overview of what we will be studying this half-term.

English

To start the term, we are reading 'King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table' by Marcia Williams. The book was chosen because our history topic this term is castles and I thought it would be a fantastic resource to deepen the children's knowledge of the medieval period through looking at medieval legends. The aim of the unit is for the children to practice narrative writing by writing a 'quest' story. The children will write their own story, imitating 'Sir Lancelot's first quest,' where their hero embarks on a quest, encountering danger on their journey.

Maths

This term, we will finish looking at measuring length. The children have learned to convert and compare different units of measurement and then used this knowledge to add and subtract different measurements. We are now learning how to measure the perimeter of different shapes. For the rest of the term, we will be learning about fractions. The children will learn what fractions are and how to represent them. They will learn how to compare and order equivalent fractions and finally how to add and subtract fractions.

Science

This term, we will be studying animals including humans. The children will learn how to identify the correct nutrition for humans by examining the food groups and nutrients. We will then consider the nutritional needs of other animals by grouping animals according to their diet. Finally, we will learn about skeletons, first, learning about the difference between vertebrate and invertebrate animals and, then, identifying the different parts of the human skeleton and understanding their purpose.

History

In history, this term, we are learning about castles. We will first learn when and where castles were built in Britain and how they developed across time. We will then identify the key features of a motte and bailey castle as well as describe some of the people who lived in castles and the roles they had. As we have our very own Nottingham castle, which we visited last term, we will then learn about the history of Nottingham castle. At the end of the unit, the children will write a report about how to defend a castle to present their knowledge of the topic.

Reminders

This term, PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, please ensure that the children have their PE kits on these days. We would still really like the children to read every day (either independently or to an adult). We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children with prizes. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day so that adults in school can also hear them read.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to send me a message on Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Malplaquet