

Welcome to the Summer term!

We are looking forward to starting some exciting new units of work!

We appreciate your continued support of your child at home and encourage you to read with them as often as possible. Remember to read at least 5 times a week to gain recognition and reward as a bookworm! Year 2 homework will continue to go out every Friday and is due by the following Wednesday.

Art and DT

In Art we will be exploring different paint techniques including wax resist to create dragon fantasy pictures inspired by Ciruelo Cabral.

In DT we will be exploring mechanisms, learning how catapults were used to defend castles and then designing and building our own working catapults.

English

We will begin each day with whole class guided class reading of an exciting comic-strip style book about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

In English, we are using Talk for Writing to help the children develop their storytelling, vocabulary and sentence-building skills. The first half term we use the text *Kassim and the Greedy Dragon* and then *The Girl and The Dinosaur*. We will continue to learn the Year 2 common exception words and practise correct letter formation.

Geography

We will be using our compass skills to help us navigate around our local area. We will be learning why cartographers draw maps and developing our skills to use these and aerial photographs to discover features of Woodley and its surrounding area.

History

In History we will learn why people built castles in the past and how they have changed over time. We will look at the features of castles and how they were built to be strong defensive fortresses.

## Summer Overview



## Castles and Catapults

PSHE

We will continue to follow the Jigsaw programme, with the units '**Relationships**' and then '**Changing Me.**' This will include how we can keep positive connections with others and also how babies grow over time.

RE

This term, the children will be learning about the events in the life of Muhammad and the impact and importance of these on Muslims today. (Islam)

Maths

Our units will include:

Year 2:

Fractions - Fractions of numbers and equivalent fractions

Time and Statistics

Money and shape

ICT

We will be using technology to explore pitch, rhythm and beat, creating our own piece of music to represent an animal. We will build on our programming skills learned earlier in the year to create and debug simple programs.

PE/Games

Lessons are outdoors and take place on Tuesday and Friday. The first half term we will be developing our team building skills and learning net and wall games and then in the final half term, athletics, which will involve lots of running, jumping and throwing activities.

Science

We continue our topic of Animals including humans in the first half term, learning about the importance of nutrition, exercise and hygiene. In the second half term we will observe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and what they need to do this and stay healthy.