

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had the most wonderful first week teaching your children and getting them back into routine. They have been fantastic and settled in brilliantly. Swords at the ready, as Year 2 charge into our new topic all about castles!



English

In English, we will be learning how to write compound sentences using 'and', and practising using adjectives to describe the wonderful Zog. We will explore narratives and have a go at writing our own story, taking inspiration from our new exciting text 'The Dragon and the Nibble-some Knight'. The children will write instructions and they will write a recount describing all the amazing things we will learn on our visit to Lincoln Castle!



Maths



The children will be revisiting the place value of numbers to 20, before exploring numbers to 100. They will also learn how to 'roll their numbers' by counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. We will then move onto our addition and subtraction unit, including practising our number bonds to 20 and then 100!

Our Christian Values this term are 'Respect and Reverence', linked with 'Creation and Creativity'. In term 2, our value is 'Peace', linked with 'Friendship and Fellowship'.

In RE, we will be learning about Islam and what the Qur'an says about how Muslims should treat others and how to live their lives according to the five pillars.



In History, the children will learn about why and how the Normans first built castles in England. They will research the types of people who lived in castles and what life would have been like for them. We will analyse different sources and think about what we can learn from these. When we visit Lincoln Castle, we will learn about why it is important to our local area. We will also learn a little bit about Raymond Mays, a famous racing car driver from Bourne, and learn about how cars have changed over time. We will think about the impact Raymond Mays had on our local area.



P.E.

The children will have P.E. twice a week. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits are in on a Monday and they will be sent home on a Friday. P.E. will usually be on a Monday and a Wednesday but these days could differ with last minute timetable changes.



Our Character Education Trait for this term is 'Self-belief'.

Weather

Please ensure all coats, gloves, hats and scarves are named as the weather gets colder this term!



Reading and Homework

We encourage the children to read as much as possible both in school and at home. We use the Pawsome Gang Reading Dogs to discuss different reading skills. They should try to read at least 3 times a week (it doesn't have to be a whole book each time!) and can choose either their school books or a book that interests them at home. Please record their reading with you in the reading diary. After 3 entries a week, they will be entered into the Reading Raffle for a chance to win a book! Our usual palette of choice homework has been sent out with a range of cross curricular activities to choose from. As the children begin to learn their times tables this year, Times Table Rockstars is an excellent way of practising them at home. Login details will be sent out again soon. Numbots has a range of mathematical skills to practise and Hit the Button is great for 'beat the clock' games!