English / Literacy

Fiction:

This term we will begin the term by reading and writing traditional stories and fairy tales. We are starting with the story of The Three Little Pigs and will be writing about the characters and showing our understanding. We're also going to be reading some other exciting stories that include a castle as the main setting.

Poetry:

Our poetry will focus on autumn, acrostic and 'shape poems'. These are poems where the words are laid out in different shapes. We will look at how exciting words are used by the poets to create a picture in your head and will have a go at writing our own poems.

Non-fiction:

After half term we will be learning about reports—how to research and present information. This will be linked to our topic about Remembrance and the Gunpowder Plot.

Spelling and grammar:

Handwriting, grammar and spelling knowledge will be developed each week. Children will be working in spelling groups and we will also be learning how to use different types of punctuation (including . ?! ").

Reading:

The children will continue to read with the teacher every week and in guided reading sessions. Please can children have their reading book and diary in school everyday.

Class 1, 2 & 3

Miss Hart and Mrs Hill



Autumn Term 2018

Maths / Numeracy

This term in maths children will be taught:

In number- place value (thousands, hundreds, tens & units); ordering numbers; addition & subtraction facts; using number facts to add/subtract; doubles & near-doubles; adding two-digit numbers; subtracting small numbers & tens numbers; adding & subtracting near multiples of ten; finding 1, 10, 100 more/less; reasoning & explaining; multiplication & division facts for the 2, 3, 5 & 10 times tables (and more for year 3!); multiplication & division (including finding a remainder); ordering & finding fractions of shapes and numbers.

In handling data- using and making pictograms & bar charts; tallies **In shape and space-** use units of time and begin to tell the time to nearest five minutes on digital and analogue clocks (minutes past); 2D shapes; symmetry; length — measuring using centimeters, meters and kilometers, (incl. ordering numbers);

Each week we will also be investigating & problem solving. Children will be taught at their own level, and are given specific targets to work towards. It would be great if you can practise counting forwards & backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s & 10s at home (and for years 2 & 3 —learn some times tables!)

Other Curriculum Subjects

Before half term our theme will be 'Castles!'

After half term our theme is 'Remembrance and the Gunpowder Plot'

Science: Our science topic for the term is 'Materials'. We will be learning about different types of materials (e.g. wood, glass, paper, plastic), their properties (e.g. Waterproof, magnetic, rough, smooth) and where they come from or how they are made. There will be lots of opportunities for planning and conducting investigations to test the properties of a range of materials.

ICT: In ICT children will be learning about programming in order to complete a series of on screen challenges and tasks. They will also use software to create a display of geometric patterns. Across all areas of the curriculum, children will be encouraged to use ICT such writing up stories with Word Processing software and will be reminded of the importance of staying safe online.

Design Technology: As part of our topic on castles, DT this term is all about construction. The children will learn about structures and how they can be made stable. They will get to experiment with a range of materials to help them create a range of castles starting with Motte-and-Bailey castles.

Geography/History: Before half term, we will mainly be focussing on castles and exploring life in Medieval times. After half term we will be learning all about the importance of Remembrance Day and the history behind the Gunpowder Plot including the life of Guy Fawkes. We will be comparing aspects of life in different periods and exploring events beyond living memory that are significant nationally.

Art: In art we will be developing a range of skills related to our main topics. This will include looking at the work of artists such as Paul Klee. We will also improve our sowing skills by making our own mini tapestry.

Physical Education: This term the children will be taught by the On-side coaches on a Wednesday afternoon. They will need their PE kit including pumps on that day. It is a good idea to bring the kit to school and leave it on their peg until half term when it can be taken home to be washed.

Religious Education and PSHE: In RE children will be learning about special places and will find out about the Christian church and the Sikh Gurdwara. They will also explore the people who are special to them and how they help each other. In addition to this children will learn about sharing and cooperating with others and will celebrate some of the key festivals from a range of religions (e.g. Harvest, Diwali, Christmas). October is 'Black History Month' and we will be learning about freedom and come of the important people linked with people gaining their freedom including Rosa Parks, Elizabeth Fry and William Wilberforce.