



Class 1 Terms 1 & 2 2026



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful break! The children have come back full of enthusiasm and have settled straight back settled really well.

This term our History topic is "Kings, Queens and Castles", exploring how monarchs past and present have shaped our national story, alongside a journey around the world in Geography and looking at our place in it, and a look at living things in Science.

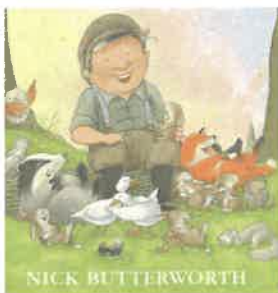
We will be looking at the work of James Sadler & Sons, a 19th Century Staffordshire potter and looking at use of castle imagery in fine ceramics.

We hope you enjoy reading about everything we will be getting up to this term below.

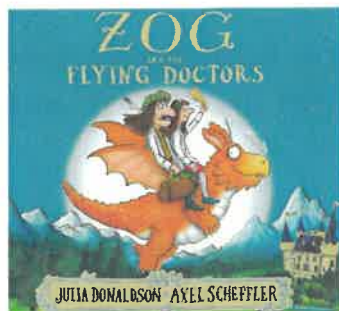
Literacy

Across the Autumn term the children will continue to work on their spelling, grammar and punctuation and we will be completing comprehension tasks linked to all areas of the curriculum as this really helps them to embed what they have been learning.

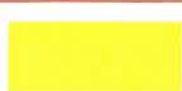
Throughout the term they will be writing in many different styles telling recounts and stories, creating reports and poems. All of which help develop a range of language skills.



We have a seasonal Percy the Park Keeper book to share and we will also be reading the Little Princess books by Tony Ross and the wonderful Zog books by Julia Donaldson.



Maths



This term Year 1 and EYFS will be working on place value to 10, adding and subtracting, sorting and shape.

Year 2 will be working on place value to 100, addition, subtraction using two digit numbers, shape and counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2,3, 5 and 10.



Year 3 pupils will be working on place value up to 1000, addition, subtraction using three digit numbers, shape, multiplication and division and counting in multiples.

We will also be creating weather diaries which will introduce time and days of the week.

Science

In Science this term we will be investigating living things and their habitats.

How do we know something is alive?



GEOGRAPHY

We will be looking all over the world at continents and oceans and the different climates experienced between the very hot and the very cold!



Our fieldwork will be focussing on "Where in the world is Hartington?"

We will also be looking at the countries of the United Kingdom and their individual capitals.

History ~ Kings, Queens and Castles



In our History topic this term we will be looking at the lives of Monarchs in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. In particular, William the Conqueror, Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria.



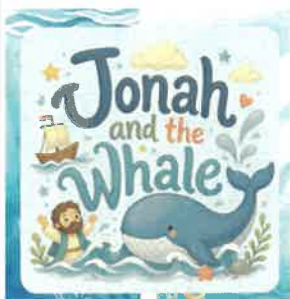
We will also be looking at the changes in the timeline of United Kingdom from 1066 to 2026!



We will also be studying castles around the country and asking why they were built? What features does a good castle need? Has that changed over time?



Religious Education



This term we will be answering the question ~ "Who is a Christian and what do they believe?"



Art / Design & Technology

In Art we will be looking at sculpture, asking how artists have been inspired by castles.

The children will create their own tile using relief to design a castle.

Our artist spotlight this term is James Sadler & Sons, the Staffordshire potters founded in Stoke-on-Trent in 1882.



PHSE ~ is packed this half term with lots of learning about staying safe and looking after each other:

- How technology has changed our lives
- What makes a family, and what is friendship
- Animals and sharing
- Forest survival and positive friendships
- Screen time safety and cyber safety
- Fire safety, with Dexter the fire dog
- Anti-bullying week
- A visit from the emergency services - police visit
- First aid for children



Computing

This half term we will be looking at e-safety and how we stay safe online, how to keep personal information private and who to talk to if you are unsure. We will also be looking at digital writing, creating graphics and 3D-modelling.

Music

This term we will be having music with Mrs Townsend and we will learn to recognise pulse, matching movements to music.

We will also explore percussion instruments and perform simple instrumental accompaniments to familiar songs.



Please try to read with your child daily as it really helps to improve their confidence.

The children read in school with an adult everyday and they will bring a reading book home daily.

The Year 2 and 3 children will bring home their Accelerated Reader books.