Mission Statement

We put children at the heart of everything we do

Dear Parent,

Happy New Year! This information leaflet is to inform you of the curriculum that we will be teaching to your children this term. Our topic this term is 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. We will be learning about castles, both real and fictional including the story of Shrek in Y1 and Dragons Can't Swim in Y2 and also some history about Bolsover Castle.

We politely ask that you hear your child read regularly and further your child's learning with Active Learn online. A set of spring home learning tasks linking to topic will also be available for your child to share some learning they have enjoyed.

Please visit our website and your child's class story on dojo's regularly to see some of the amazing learning your child is involved in. Please call and speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Miss Brown and Miss Pepper (Y1 & Y2 Teachers)
Mr N Williams (Head of school)
Mrs. J.K Fearnley (Exec. Head Teacher)

Modern languages

In modern languages we will be learning to speak in French. We will be learning to name different colours, name different food and ask simple questions.

Physical Education

In P.E. we will be practising ball skills including throwing and catching and learn the skills needed to play matball. After half term we will be linking P.E. to music and learning a medieval dance.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

In the first half term of PSHE children will be learning about e-safety. This will include looking at how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet and what we use the internet for. After the holiday we will be focusing on 'being a responsible citizen'. This will include- how we deal with our emotions, how we work with our peers and how we can problem solve.

Philosophy for Children (P4C)

This term the children will all take part in P4C lessons which will allow children to develop their speaking and listening skills as well as their critical and creative thinking. The sessions are child led however, the sessions have a stimulus to aid discussion. This term we will be looking at

- To discuss right from wrong
- Choosing a realistic goal
- Knights motto - what could our mottos be?
- Protecting castle ruins

We hope you find this information useful and that it may help you have a better understanding of what your children may tell you about their time in school.
**English (Literacy) and Mathematics**

In Literacy for the first half term we will have a focus on fiction and use Shrek (Y1) or The Tunnel (Y2) as our focus. We will begin by describing the settings and characters in the story, concentrating on the castles and comparing these. As well as this we will be writing some dragon poetry. After half term we will be concentrating on non-fiction genres, recounting our visit to Bolsover Castle, using the information we have collected to write an information leaflet about castles and creating instructions for the medieval banquet food.

In Numeracy we will look at place value and recognising numbers to 100, addition and subtraction and some measures in the form of time and capacity.

**Geography/History**

In Geography we will be looking at the physical features using geographical vocabulary. We will also be describing the location and features of routes and maps, including aerial images.

In history we will be learning about the history of castles and medieval times including who lived in a castle, what they ate, what they wore and their different roles. We will also learn about famous castles and naming the interior and exterior parts of a castle.

**Science**

In science we will be learning about different materials. Children will learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials and talk about their suitability for different tasks. This will include describing the properties and group materials in different ways. We will be conducting investigations to decide the ideal materials for making a window for a castle and testing and evaluating these.

**Information and Communications Technology (ICT)**

This term children will learn how to use iMovie to create an advert for the current class text. We will also use PurpleMash in the second half term to record and present data in different ways.

**Design Technology**

In the first half term we will be using natural materials to design and make a shield to act out our very own Battle of Hastings.

In the second half term we will be designing and making items for a medieval banquet including goblets, bread and soup.

**Art**

In art we will be making clay towers and adding detail using different techniques. We will create pastel art work on dragons and we will also look at pictures based on Paul Klee Castle and Sun.

**Music**

We will be listening to a selection of medieval music and comparing the features of the pieces including pitch, tempo, dynamics, duration and texture. We will also be learning about medieval instruments and how these were used in the past. After half term we will be using our learning about the different pieces of medieval music to learn a dance in P.E.

**Religious Education**

In Religious Education we will learn about how Jewish people celebrate different event and what believing is.