



Monkton CEP School

Dragonfly Class Term 4 Newsletter

'Every child is special'



Welcome to Term 4.

This term we start our topic on **Towers, Tunnels and Turrets**. See the castle ahead? Get ready to invade its mighty walls. Shoot a projectile with an archer's aim. Head across the drawbridge, over the moat and up to the top of the tower. Meet Rapunzel who lives in a tall, tall tower. Let's build a brand new one. Whose is the tallest? Can you measure it? Then dig deep, deep down, making burrows and tunnels, just like the animals who live underground. What's that sound? I hear little hooves going trip, trap, trip, trap, over the rickety bridge. Watch out for the angry troll underneath. And finally, meet three little pigs who need your help to build a strong fortress. Inside its strong walls, they'll be safe from the big, bad wolf. No huffing and puffing will blow your fortress down.

English

Fiction

Fairy Tales - Reported Speech

Narratives

Non- Fiction

Letters and Recounts

Posters

Whole Class Reading

Lady Lollipop by Dick King Smith.

Mathematics

Length, height and weight

2D and 3D shapes

Fractions

Statistic - Data Handling

We continue every Friday to access Studio on Times Table Rock Stars to improve our Rock Star status.

Science

Everyday Materials / Animals including humans

We will be looking at a range of materials. We will be building bridges and towers based on properties of materials.

ICT

Drawing software.

Also using the internet to search, save and paste images.

RE

Humanism

Salvation - Why does Easter matter to Christians?

PE

The children will be working with our sports coaches on Net/wall ball.

PE Day is a Thursday.

Foundation subjects
Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

Music - We will be continuing to join RockSteady live lessons.

Geography - Amazing structures around the world; Towers and bridges in the local area

History - Castles and castle life; Significant individuals - Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Art - Sculpture using natural materials

Design Technology - Making models of towers, bridges and tunnels

HeartSmart - Don't rub it in, rub it out!

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning:

Topic:

Arch, archer, arrow, bailey, battlements, burrow, castle, drawbridge, fortress, keep, lord, medieval, moat, motte, passage, portcullis, rampart, Saxon, tower, tunnel, turret, viaduct

Science:

Soft, smooth, rough, transparent, waterproof, opaque, absorbent, stretchy, types of material (leather, plastic, glass, brick, fabric, cotton...) scientifically,

Maths:

Length, height, centimetres, millimetres, names of 2D and 3D shapes, data handling, block graph.

Homework

This term children will be given a list of possible activities for the final two terms. It is expected that over the two terms children will complete a minimum of 3 activities. Children may bring these in whenever they are completed and we can then look at these in class. The final date for these to be in will be 31ST March. Children will also continue to have weekly maths and spellings.

Special days

Dates for diaries-

1.3.21 - 5.3.21 - World Book Week - information to follow

10.3.21 - Parents Evening via zoom - information to follow

19.3.21 - Red Nose Day - information to follow

1.4.21 - End of term