

# Year 2's Newsletter : Summer 2 2019

Welcome back to Year 2.

I hope you have enjoyed the week off and you are ready for the final half term. This half term we have lots of exciting events and topics ahead of us. Our new thematic topic is called 'Would you live in a castle?' and it is all about castles and castle life. I must also use this opportunity to express how proud I am of Year 2 and their behaviour and attitudes during their SATs tests. As usual if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see Year 2 staff.

Miss Hodson & Mr Groves - Class Teachers

Mrs Parkin - Teaching Assistant

See that 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 top of the tower. Let's meet all who live in a castle. Let's build a brand new one... Whose is the tallest?

•In history, we will be learning about castles and castle life, who lived in a castle, how castles were built and significant individuals such as William the Conqueror.

•In Art and Design, we will be learning about medieval art and tapestry.

•In Geography, we will be learning about amazing castles around the world and we will be exploring our local area looking for the perfect location for a castle.

•In DT, we will learning how to make hinges and axles. We will also be designing and making our own medieval castle.

## Dates for your diary

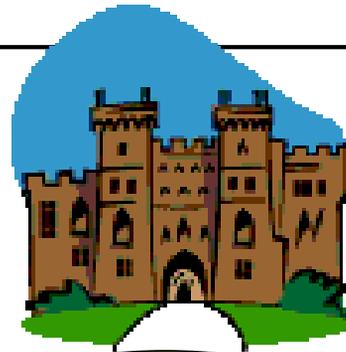
Trip to Warwick Castle- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Transition Week- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Sports Day- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Parent's Evening- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

End of Term- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.



## P.E

We encourage all children to bring their full P.E kit into school on Monday and take it home on Friday to be washed. This includes provision for both indoor and outdoor activities. Can I please remind you that your child's P.E kit should contain: a plain white top, plain dark bottoms and trainers or pumps.





## **Literacy**

In literacy this half term we will be focusing on applying our writing skills to any given genre and increasing our writing stamina. We will be looking at retelling the story 'The Sea Monster', where we will plan the story in clear sections using paragraphs. We will be writing a character description and letters from the point of view of different characters and finally we will write our own version of the story.

## **Numeracy**

In numeracy this half term we will be focusing on mental calculation strategies and our quick recall of number facts. We will be learning about measures and the different units we measure in. Year 2 will also be planning and completing their own data investigation based around healthy eating and they will learn to present their findings and explain them clearly.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

The continued message from last year is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by 8.50am.

### **Homework**

In Year 2, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 10-15 minutes per night). We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favorite books, stories, poems etc with your child. Reading books are sent home from school & your child has the opportunity to take a free choice book out from our new school library and from the mobile library van.

Your child also has a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school. Thanks.

Individual spellings will be sent home. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then using the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences.

Year 2 will also receive their Topic Homework Challenges at the start of the half term- one challenge needs to be completed each week. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on them. We hope that you enjoy them.

Homework is due back in school by Wednesday at 9am. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.