

Maths

This half term we will be exploring Place Value, Money and Multiplication and Division. To support your child at home, please encourage them to continue to practise all those fundamental number skills at home on Numbots, www.topmarks.com and the game called Hit the Button!' is strongly advised.

English

In English the children will explore fiction and non-fiction books. We will then re-create our own versions of the story of Rapunzel putting lots of time into the detail and description of the characters and settings. We will also explore traditional tales from other countries around Chinese New Year. Finally, we will have a spelling, punctuation and grammar focus to polish up the skills that make our writing the best it can be!

Science

Children will learn to identify and name everyday materials and will have the opportunity to explore the properties of these materials. Children also will carry out a simple investigation to help them decide which material would be most suitable to use for an umbrella. At the end of the unit children apply their knowledge of everyday materials to sort objects by their properties.

Towers, Turrets and Castles.

Holly Class – Spring 1

2024

Topic – Towers, Turrets and Castles

This term, we will explore different castles and the towers, battlements and maybe a secret tunnel or two! We'll learn all about the different parts of a castle and describe how they have changed over time. Using a wide range of materials, we'll build a model of a catapult and test the strength of our structures. We'll learn the stories of Rapunzel, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff and create models inspired by them. Maps and photographs will help us learn about the tallest buildings and the longest tunnels in the world. We'll also find out about the amazing Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

R.E. / PHSE / SMSC

This half term we will be exploring the question, "Christianity – What are the best symbols of Jesus's death and resurrection at Easter?" We will be learning about the Christian Value of 'Compassion' and how we as pupils can demonstrate this value in our everyday learning. Mrs Wright teaches PSHE/RSE to the children and will be starting the school year by teaching the topic 'Dreams and Goals.'

Computing

Digital Writing will be our focus this half term. We will develop our understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and manipulate text.

Music & P.E.

Mrs Fuller will be teaching music on a Thursday in Holly Class. PE will be taught by a Premier Sports Coach on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday afternoon and starts off with Gymnastics. Don't forget to wear your school PE kit on these days, tie long hair up and remove any earrings.

Art / Design Technology

In Design and Technology the children will develop their understanding of mechanisms. They will listen to and role play different Traditional Tales and then learn how sections of the stories can be made into a moving picture. They sketch a design based on their ideas and then create their moving picture centred on the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' Children evaluate their finished product.