

Welcome to Autumn Term 1 in Class 2!

PE and Forest School

Our PE sessions this term are on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. We have Ben on Wednesdays and gymnastics on Thursdays with Lucy. PE kits can be kept at school and taken home on Thursdays.

Our Forest school days this half term are:

Friday, 22nd September

Friday, 13th October

Topics and Themes

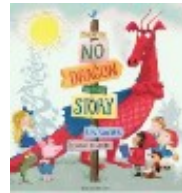
We often plan our learning experiences around half termly topics that cross over into many aspects of our learning. Our topic this half term is:

Dungeons and Dragons

With our inquiry question being:

Why were castles built in medieval times?

We will be reading:



We will be singing dragon songs in music and looking at a variety of different castles from our local area, as well as looking at the life of Queen Mary. We will also be designing and making our own drawbridge that will go over a moat in Design and Technology, which will link to our science learning, where we will be identifying and comparing a range of different materials and their uses.

We will also be learning about online safety in computing, where we will agree and follow a set of online safety rules. We will also be looking at our own hopes and fears for this year

Homework

Spellings

Spellings that will be covered in our Read, Write Inc lessons will be sent home on Fridays for a test the following Friday. We also look at Rainbow Spellings each week, your child will also bring these home to practise.

Maths

We encourage children to access TT Rock Stars each week to practise their times tables. All login details that you need will be stuck into reading journals by the end of the first week.

Additional homework

There may also be times when additional homework is sent out, this will be linked to our learning that week and will handed out on Fridays to be handed in the following Thursday.

Book bags should be brought into school **every day**. We encourage children to read a book three times before swapping to help with their fluency and expression. One of their books will be a book we are reading in our Read, Write Inc sessions to support this. We also encourage the children to read to an adult and independently.

Maths

In Class 2 we are working on both our arithmetic and reasoning and problem solving skills in our maths lessons. Rapid recall of simple additions or multiplications (such as the Learn Its in Big Maths) are important to learn as they support children in all aspects of their math lessons. We encourage children to access TTRS and practise their Learn Its at home.

