



Year 2 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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Happy New Year!

Here's wishing you a happy New Year and a warm welcome back. We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break. We are kicking off the Spring term with our topic, Creepy Castles and Caves, in which we will be finding out all about the history of castles in our country as well as other countries around the world. We will also find out about the geography of England and the natural structures, such as caves, which you can find here.

We will be beginning our topic with an immersion afternoon, where children will experience a medieval banquet where they will try food, listen to and compose their own music as well as using different materials to print and to construct their own castles and caves.

In History, we will be learning about the history of castles and the jobs that people had in the past. We will write our own job applications for different roles within the castle. We will meet a governor from a medieval castle and have the opportunity to ask him questions about his life. By making links with Maths, we will order numbers to create a timeline of castles throughout the ages and discuss how the features changed to fit the purpose.

In Geography, we will be using maps and aerial photographs to locate castles in the United Kingdom. We will be writing non-chronological reports about what caves are and how they are formed. We will compare caves in the UK with those in other countries to see if there are any differences in the

ways they are formed. We will use ICT to research castles and caves and we will be experimenting with programming in our computing lessons.

As artists, we will be using weaving techniques to make our own creepy spiders webs. We will also look at tapestries and work together to recreate our own version using cloth and paints.

At the end of the half term, we will be going on a trip to the Royal Armouries in Leeds where we will look at historical artefacts and see what they tell us about the past.

In English, we will be reading Fairy Tales and learning about their features. We will then be using different language features to write our own versions. We will also be writing our own newspaper reports using formal language.

In Maths, we are continuing to develop our knowledge of number facts and place value. We will learning to tell the time by reading analogue and digital clocks. We will continue to find out about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Please continue to read with your child every day for 10 minutes and ask them questions about what they have read.

Please encourage your child to complete at least one Raving Readers activity each week.

Please encourage your child to continue using Matheletics as this is designed to support mathematical areas we are covering in school.

Creepy Castles and Caves!



Homework



English and Maths homework is handed out on Friday and should be returned to school on Monday morning.

Matheletics activities will be set on a regular basis.

Children will also be given spellings to learn at home.

PE Times

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