

Year 2

Towers, tunnels and turrets

2F PE days - Tuesday and Thursday
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Unlocking the learning

Unlocking the learning at home - It is really important that children have the opportunity to use what they learn in school at home. What do you already know about towers, tunnels or turrets?

Get reading - Please could you read with your child regularly at home. It is important to read as often as possible so that your child can practise their skills and sounds taught in school.

Get exploring - Can you find out about different castles around the world?

Get creating - complete one of the home learning heroes to help enrich your understanding of the topic.

Maths. We will be covering...

This half term, the children will be continuing to work on securing their number skills with a focus on bonds up to 20, place value of numbers and times tables for the 2, 5 and 10 tables. We need to build speed and accuracy with these and make links to division.

Linked to our topic we shall be working with standard units of measurement. Looking at key vocabulary related to measures and reading scales.

Children will also be problem solving using a range of skills and methods taught in number and measures.

Topic. We will be covering...

In Year Two the children will be focusing on the topic 'Towers, tunnels and turrets.'

This half term we will be making and creating lots of pictures and models of castles and bridges so will be looking at how we can make structures solid and strong. We will be investigating structures from around the world and our local area.

Geography: We will investigate towers and tunnels around the world. Children will be using atlases to identify countries around the world that have famous tunnels, towers and bridges.

History: Children will explore castles from the past and what they looked like. They will also look at how castles have developed over time and identify features of them. We shall also learn about what life was like living in castle. This will come to life during our visit to Warwick Castle.

Computing: We shall look at how to keep safe online and use paint it to create castle images.

P.E: we will be developing our balance and co-ordination.

Please ensure:

Your child has their PE kit in school - it is important for children to take part in PE for 2 hours every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.

English We will be covering...

During English this half term we will begin to write in different forms such as recounts, narratives, posters and writing facts about castles, tunnels and turrets. The children will be writing for different audiences and looking at how information writing differs from narrative. Children will also be writing about personal experiences from our visit to Warwick castle. During this half term we will continue to work on spelling rules and using question marks, commas for lists and exclamation marks. There will be a focus on the use of conjunctions (and, because) to extend ideas in writing as well as presenting our handwriting neatly.

DURING THIS TOPIC WE WILL BE CREATING A MUSEUM BASED UPON OUR VISIT TO WARWICK CASTLE. If you have any recycling we would be grateful if you could bring it into school so we can use it to create our own museum. Watch this space!

Creative homework Projects for our Home Learning Heroes!

The children in Year 2 will be taking part in 'Creative Homework Projects' that we would like them to complete over the coming weeks. They will be able to demonstrate their creative talents and share their findings with the whole class.

Your child should choose at least one task. We hope you see this as an opportunity to support your child in their learning as well as having fun!

All work produced will be on display in your child's classroom and will be awarded a certificate.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to bring their completed projects into school from the 1st December so that they can share and celebrate each other's achievements.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your

Continued support.

The Year Two Team

Mrs Crawford Brown

Miss Fletcher

Mrs O'Brien

Mrs Skidmore

Towers, tunnels and turrets— Creative Homework Projects

Please complete at least ONE of the tasks. Here are some ideas to help you. Please bring to school from 1st December 2016 Good Luck!

Bridge hunt

Go on a bridge hunt with a grown up.
Take photographs or draw them.

Book

Why not write your own
information book about a castle
you have visited. Include pictures
and photos.

Game

Play jenga with your friends or family.
Take photos of you playing it. What
are the best ways to keep the tower
up?

Library visit

Find non-fiction books at home (or in
the local library) about Towers,
tunnels and turrets.

Visit

Visit a famous castle, bridge or
tunnel. Take pictures and write
about your day.

Poem

Write a poem about castle or
someone who lives in a castle.
Present your poem using art work
and exciting adjectives.

Get creative

Create a castle or bridge using a
range of junk material.

Art

Create a new landmark for your
school. What will it look like and

Investigate

Research a famous person, Brunel,
find out about his life and work.