

**I.D.L**

For our topic, we will be investigating Knights & Castles. We will be looking at the history, location and features of castles and how they were made. We will find out about Knights including what they wore, how to become a Knight, their code of chivalry, weapons they used and how they were made.

In Art we will be using our Knights and Castles topic as stimulus and working on a variety of visual elements including line, shape, form, colour and texture.

We will also explore forces through our topic, looking at castle drawbridges to predict and explain the impact of pushing and pulling.

**Maths & Numeracy**

This term children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of 2D and 3D shape. We will be looking at shape properties and exploring the terms faces, edges & vertices.

Within numeracy, all children will continue to revise and consolidate place value. P3 will look at place value within 100 and beyond and P4 up to 1000 and beyond.

All children will also develop their knowledge of estimation and rounding, and addition and subtraction, where they will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of strategies to support them.

All children will be working to improve their counting in 2,3,4,5 and 10s. This will in turn support their understanding using groupings and arrays to visually display their answers. This helps with the recall of times tables.

Should you have any questions or worries about your child, please either write a note, or make an appointment through the school office and we will do our very best to help.

Many Thanks,

Miss Reid and Mrs Davidson

**Homework**

Homework will be issued on a Monday and collected on a Friday and will consist of reading and literacy task as well as an activity to complete on Sumdog.

**READING BOOKS CAN REMAIN AT HOME DURING THE WEEK BUT MUST BE RETURNED ALONG WITH HOMEWORK FOLDER AND JOTTER ON FRIDAY.**

**Expressive Arts**

We will explore drama through our book

study; ’George’s Marvellous Medicine’ and we will be looking at Medieval dance as part of our Knights & Castles topic.

**Health & Wellbeing**

P.E days will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. All pupils require a change of **gym shoes and shorts** to ensure safety in the gym hall. These items should be kept at school within the pupil’s gym bags. Please ensure all jewellery is removed or covered on gym days. This term we will be focusing on basketball as requested by pupils. In health and wellbeing we will be focusing on keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

**Literacy & English**

Reading

All children will be given a reading book weekly and this will be taught in class every day to further develop children’s vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Children will also have the opportunity to enjoy and develop their reading skills with books of their choice, with weekly visits to the school library and daily access to our class library.

Spelling

We will work through our new phonics and spelling scheme at the pupil’s own levels, covering and revising essential spelling patterns and rules.

Grammar and Punctuation.

We will have a weekly focus on grammar and punctuation through our PM writing scheme as well as looking at features of texts through reading books, topic books and class story books.

Writing

We will continue using PM writing this term to look at descriptive and narrative writing.

**Home Info Letter Term 1 (2024-2025) Primary 3/4 Miss Reid & Mrs Davidson**