

### PE

Our theme this half term is attacking and defending games. We will learn how to use our own space effectively as well as working as a team.

### Art

This half term we will be designing and making our own dragon egg out of clay. We will be using etching skills to create our markings on the outside and then will carefully paint using the correct size brushes.

### History

We will be exploring castles and understanding how they changed and adapted over time. We will learn about jobs around the castle and what life would have been like to live in this era. This will be further supported by our trip to Arundel Castle.

### DT

Using our engineering skills, we will be making our own moving drawbridges. This will include learning how to make paper stronger and we will begin to look at the way mechanisms work.

### Geography

We will be naming physical and human features in our environment, and spending time outside doing our fieldwork. When on a walk or out and about ask your child to tell you which features are human and which are physical. (Human manmade, physical natural).

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### PHSE

This half term we will be focussing on looking forward to our next adventure. We will be identifying our strengths and looking at what our goals might be for the coming year. We will also focus on our value of independence as well as discussing our emotions about moving on.

### Phonics and Reading

We will continue to 'grow the code' and learn new GPCs. These will be shared on a spelling card each week. Please continue reading as much as you can at home, including the phonics matched reading book.

### Writing

This half term we will be designing and writing about our own mythical dragon. We will be using noun phrases to describe it and creating non-fiction pieces all about our creature. We will explore non-fiction books about castles, as well as the book George and the Dragon as a stimulus for our own story.

### Computing

This half term our focus will be online safety through our lovable character Smartie the Penguin. He will talk us through how to stay safe when using the internet.

### Science

This half term we will be revisiting and deepening our previous learning around materials and their properties. We will be exploring magnets and planning investigations to test the suitability of a variety of materials for a purpose. We will also be continuing to observe the changes to the trees in our environment as we enter the season of Summer.

### Maths

This half term we will be looking at:

**Place value to 100:** This half term we will be focussing on numbers from 50-100. We will recap counting in 10s, adding on one more and subtracting one less as well as comparing numbers by partitioning into tens in ones.

**Money:** Our focus will be on recognising coins and notes as well as adding simple amount together. HSBC bank will be supporting us with their Money Hero's workshop on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Time:** as well as learning the days of the week, months of the year and how many minutes in an hour, the children will be learning how to tell the time to o'clock and half past the hour. At home it would be very useful if you could point out these times on any clocks you may have.