

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

We will be learning skills for modelling with clay. We will be learning how to roll and manipulate clay, to join bits of clay together and use tools to make markings. We look forward to showing you our designs!

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 castles, involving our own moving drawbridges! This will include learning how to make paper stronger and looking 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.

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PHSE

This half term our focus is 'Changing Me'. We will be focussing on ourselves and how we have changed as we have grown. We will be talking about our bodies and using scientific vocabulary to name our body parts, including our reproductive organs.

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, and practise the spellings that come home.

Writing

This half term we will be designing and writing about our own dragon. We will be using noun phrases and choosing the best adjectives to describe it. We will explore non-fiction books about castles, as well as the book George and the Dragon as a stimulus for our own stories.

Arundel Castle: Thursday 11th June

Computing

This half term we will be looking at digital photography. We will explore the work of different artists. We will use different devices to plan, design and create a digital image.

Science

We will be revisiting and deepening our previous learning around materials and their properties. We will be exploring the best material to protect a dragon egg and carrying out simple experiments to support this. 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 consolidating our place value knowledge to 100. We will be practising finding one more and one less and comparing numbers based on their tens and ones.

Money: Our focus will be on recognising coins and notes as well as adding simple amount together. See if you can use coins when you are out and about to make different amounts.

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!

Fractions: we will recap our learning on finding a half and a quarter of shapes, objects and quantities.