

Areas of Learning

RE

In RE we will be looking at who made the world and ask questions about the world we live in. We will also be looking at why Easter is an important time of year.

PE

In PE we will be enjoying a range of dance, gymnastics and games with Mr Hodgson.

Personal Development and British Values

In PSHCE and British Values we will be looking at keeping ourselves safe. We will be encouraging the children to investigate relationships as well as Body Awareness.

Areas of Learning for 'Weather' & 'Castles' Spring 2019 Dragons Class

As **Readers** and **Writers** we will be reading the book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. Through this and other class texts we will develop our reading skills predicting what will happen next, clarifying and learning new vocabulary as well as asking simple questions to help us understand the text. In order to help us do this we will be using a range of techniques such as role play and hot seating.

Each day we will be looking to improve our knowledge of sounds to help us become confident and independent readers as well as independent writers. In our writing, we will learn to write in different styles when writing fiction, describing settings in detail, writing letters and learning how to write a diary. Throughout all of this, we will be looking at a wide range of grammatical and spelling features and we will be learning how to use these effectively within our writing. Later in the summer, the Year 1 children will be going through the Phonics Screening Assessment and we will be working with them to ensure they are as confident and capable as possible.

As **Mathematicians**, we will learn to consolidate our understanding of number through a range of practical, mental and written methods. We will be looking to improve our skills of arithmetic by securing written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will then apply these skills to support our learning about shapes, fractions, measures and statistics.

As **Scientists**, we will learn to investigate seasonal changes using our observational skills and discussing the changes around us. We will also be investigating a range of materials and their uses. Throughout all our science, we will be developing our scientific enquiry skills through a range of investigations.

As **Historians**, we will be looking at castles, where they were built and how they were built alongside the lives of those who resided in them. We will also look at the lives of some significant people and events.

As **Geographers**, we will be looking in detail at weather patterns and keeping weather diaries. Alongside our Castles topic, we will look at the human and physical geography of local area maps.

As **Artists**, we will be creating a sculpture of a castle as well as investigating transient art and working with a variety of media.

As **Musicians**, we will be working with 'Charanga Music', an interactive fun scheme. It allows the children to experience a broad range of musical styles, take part in a range of fun activities and expand their repertoire of songs. Our topics this term will be, 'In the Groove' and 'Round and Round.'

As **Designers**, we will be looking at windmills and weather station instruments to assist us with our weather investigations.