



MOATS, TURRETS & DRAWBRIDGES

Overview Letter for Key Stage 1 - Term 1



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are starting the new academic year with a fantastic castle themed topic entitled 'Moats, Turrets and Drawbridges.' Our forthcoming trip to Cardiff Castle will provide the children with a real life experience of a castle, whilst also providing them with the opportunity to discover more about castle life in the past. We have attached a topic web to provide you with an overview of specific subject coverage that we will be focusing upon this term, as well as a list of optional homework projects that your child may like to complete in return for a small prize.

Term 1 Events:-

Value: Respect

Each class will visit the central library*

19th September: KS1 Trip to Cardiff Castle*

21st September: 2KH Class Assembly

2nd October: Theatre Performance (at school)

9th October: Harvest Festival at Bath Road Church*

18th October: Last day of term 1

*Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help with any of the * events above.*

KS1 English

The children will be given many purposeful, cross-curricular writing opportunities this term. This includes labelling both castle features and castle locations, as well as using castle photographs as stimuli when exploring different sentence types. The children will use their visit to Cardiff Castle to inform their factual, recount writing and this will enable them to become more adept at writing in the past tense.

We will use the popular tale of 'The Three Little Pigs' to support the children with developing their knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will then progress onto supporting them with writing their own versions of the story. The children will be given opportunities to compare different fairy tales and traditional tales; including alternative versions of the same tale.

KS1 Maths

This term, we will focus predominantly on 'number' and 'calculating.' This includes learning to recognise, order and write given numbers in numerals and number words. The children will be supported with consolidating their understanding of the place value of digits in numbers, as well as developing their mental recall of number bond facts. We will focus on the operations of addition and subtraction; both mentally and when using concrete objects for support. The children will have opportunities to apply their knowledge of these operations when finding the answer to given number sentences and problems.

We hope you all enjoy our new topic!

Best wishes,

Year 1 and 2 Team

