

# Little London Academy

Summer 1 2024

Year 2

## Writing

In writing, we will begin the half term writing our own poems using similes to describe castle jobs and the different parts of a castle. We will write some detailed descriptions of a dragon using lots of exciting and ambitious vocabulary. We will learn about the features of a recount and write our own recounts based on our trip to Skipton Castle.

## Reading

In reading, we will continue to focus on our reading skills – infer, retrieve, summarise and predict. We will read 'The Egg' and the story 'A Dragon Machine'. We will also read a wide selection of other non-fiction books about castles to gain knowledge about castles.

## Maths

In Maths, we will learn about measuring using standard measures, such as centimetres (cm), metres (m), grams (g), kilograms (kg), millilitres (ml) and litres (l).

The children will also learn to identify  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of shapes and amounts.

Finally, the children will be applying all their mathematical knowledge to solving problems in different contexts and consolidate their learning for the year in preparation for Year 2 assessments.

## Computing

In computing, we will be continuing to utilise our Chromebooks in all areas of the curriculum. We will also be learning how to use spreadsheets, edit, save and adding images. Children will also a table of data on a spreadsheet and will use the data to create a block graph.

## Music

The children will be introduced to famous pieces of composition. The children will interpret a storyboard with sound effects and develop their own ideas using sound and percussion.

## PHSE

In this unit, children will explore the question 'What helps us grow and stay healthy?' They will build upon their prior knowledge of the Science unit about how we take care of ourselves. They will learn the different things that help their bodies to be healthy, including food and drink, physical activity, sleep and rest.

## Castles



## RE

Children explore the question 'How and why do people pray?' Children are introduced to how Christians and Muslims pray and develop an understanding of different faiths.

## Design Technology

In DT, we will be researching the different parts of a castle and then designing and making a functioning portcullis using a slider mechanism to lift and drop.

## PE

*Gymnastics*- Pupils explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and use apparatus. They develop gymnastic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing, and travelling individually and in combination to create short sequences and movement phrases.

*Invasion Games*- Invasion games are games where there are two teams and two goals. Teams try to score in the opposition's goal. Examples include football, handball, rugby, netball, basketball, hockey.

## Science

This term we will building our prior knowledge from earlier in the year on the topic of Materials. We will be recapping how we identify and describe materials based on their properties. We will continue to look at the suitability of a variety of everyday materials and compare them based on different criteria. We will examine how shapes of solid objects are made and try to manipulate these materials using squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

## History

In history, we will be learning about the social history of people who worked in and around castles and how castles have evolved throughout history.

## Excellence and Enjoyment Factors

Children will visit Skipton Castle for an enriching trip. They will get to apply all their learning to the day and then gain further knowledge to take back with them to support them in their writing.