

Topic - Castles and Dragons

St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School Fir Class Termly Overview—Reception



<p><u>Literacy</u></p>  <p>Pupils will have the opportunity to use a range of genres of books this term including: fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The literature that we will be using is, where possible, linked to our topic. Pupils will be developing their literacy skills by listening to stories, sharing ideas and beginning to mark make. Pupils will be learning about the features of text such as adding captions and matching labels. Pupils will be encouraged to talk creatively about their ideas and begin to make predictions about what happens next and ask questions about a text.</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p><u>Number</u></p>  <p>This term we will initially be finding out what pupils know about numbers. We will focus on numbers in the environment and use numbers and counting in meaningful ways such as counting out objects. We will begin to explore sharing and grouping objects and making numbers in different ways.</p> <p><u>Shape, Space and measure</u></p> <p>As with number we will be initially finding out what pupils know about shapes, space and measure by observing how pupils use the resources in the classroom and through focused teaching. Pupils will use practical items to help them develop their understanding of the properties of shapes.</p>	<p><u>Understanding the world</u></p>  <p>Pupils will find out about materials through our castles topic. Pupils will investigate the properties of materials and which materials are suitable for different jobs such as materials which are waterproof and which materials are best for making windows. Pupils will be planting spring bulbs and observing changes over time.</p> <p>Pupils will be encouraged to think about events in their lives that are important to them and changes that they have experienced within living memory.</p> <p>To link with the topic, pupils will be finding out about past and present monarchy.</p>
<p><u>Communication and language</u></p> <p>This will continue to be integral to everything that we do in the EYFS unit. Pupils will be encouraged to talk about their experiences and through interactions with each other be given opportunities to work together collaboratively. Children will be introduced to new vocabulary. They will be encouraged to listen attentively and respond appropriately to what others are saying with relevant comments, questions or actions.</p>	<p><u>Personal, social and emotional development</u></p> <p>Fir will continue to explore feelings and emotions through 'Circle Time' activities, discussing how actions can make others feel. Pupils will use the various areas of the classroom to work on challenges together. Our main focus this term will be 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling Out'.</p>	<p><u>Expressive arts and design</u></p> <p>Pupils will be completing a 'child friendly' batik project based on the art of Welsh artist Dorian Spencer Davies who is a current artist with a back catalogue of bright castle paintings.</p> <p>Pupils will have access to create art activities throughout the day and will have the opportunity to use a range of materials and media to realise their ideas.</p>
<p><u>Physical development</u></p> <p>Pupils will receive specialist sports coaching with 'TNS' on a Tuesday. This term they will be focusing on key skills. On a Thursday, pupils will have PE with Miss Garbett. We will be focusing on team games and movement. Children will have the opportunity to play in the outdoor 'building site' role play area with large wooden bricks and a variety of tools and props. Children will be supported in dressing and un-dressing with increased independence. Fine motor skills activities will be promoted throughout the term.</p>	<p><u>Personal, social and emotional development</u></p> <p>Fir will continue to explore feelings and emotions through 'Circle Time' activities, discussing how actions can make others feel. Pupils will use the various areas of the classroom to work on challenges together. Our main focus this term will be 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling Out'.</p>	<p><u>Homework</u></p> <p>We ask that parents continue to hear their children read daily and practise their sound and word cards.</p> <p>On occasions we may ask you to focus on a maths task especially if looking at 'real life' maths.</p> <p>Pupils will be given a topic project to work on which will be presented at the end of the term.</p>