

## English



We will read the stories, 'Zog' and 'George and the Dragon' and write character and setting descriptions. We will read non-fiction books about Castles and use these to write information sentences. We will write a recount of our visit to Farleigh Hungerford castle. We will learn to spell words using 'Fred Talk' using the sounds we learn in our phonics lessons.

## History

We will explore the features of Medieval and Norman castles. We will create timelines of castles and create a castle in our role play area. We will explore Farleigh Hungerford Castle and learn about life there long ago.



## Geography

We will learn to locate and name the four countries of the United Kingdom. We will explore Seasonal weather patterns as we move into Spring.

## Music

We will listen to Medieval music and make sounds with our own instruments. In our Charanga music scheme we will explore the topic 'round and round'.

## Art

We will use printing and collage to create our own castle pictures based on 'Castle and Sun' by Paul Klee.



**DT** We will develop cutting and joining skills by making castles through junk modelling. **COOKING** As part of our D.T. this half term, children will learn to chop and grate ingredients to make some tasty cheese straws. Each child will have a turn to cook on Thursday afternoons with Mrs Fear. **Teachers will speak to parents individually about food allergies if needed.**

## Diary Dates

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Dress for Joy non-uniform day

**Wednesday 1st March**

World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character)

Bedtime Stories 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Year 1 trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle

Spring Term 2 2023

## **CASTLES AND DRAGONS**

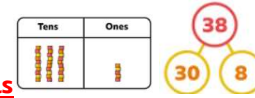


## PE

Poplar and Hawthorn will have a football session with Mr Phillips on **Mondays**. We will also have multisports lessons with Mr Croucher on **Fridays**. Please can children come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers every **Monday and Friday**.

Please tie long hair back and remove earrings (or provide tape for covering stud earrings) on P.E. days.

## Maths



We will count up to 50 and count in groups of tens.

We will learn to partition numbers into tens and ones. We will order and estimate numbers on a number line to 50. We will compare length and heights and measure objects using non-standard units. We will also learn to measure length in cm. We explore mass and compare heavier and lighter objects.

## Phonics



In our daily Read, Write, Inc. phonics lessons, we will learn new 'special friends' sounds and practise blending skills. Our phonics lessons include guided reading time where children will apply their phonics skills to independently read books closely matched to the sounds they have learned.

**Reading** We will continue to send home two phonics reading books to practise their reading skills at home. Please hear your child read regularly to build confidence and fluency and write in the reading record. Please bring book bags every day.

**Spellings** Please continue to support your child to learn their spellings every week and use Spelling Shed to practise them too. We will check children on their spellings every Friday.

## Science

We will describe the properties of different materials and sort them into groups. We will explore what castles were built from long ago and which materials are used to build our homes today.

## RE and PSHE

We will explore Hinduism as part of our Faith Week and learn about the Festival of Colour - Holi.



We will also learn about why Easter is important to Christians. Our PSHE theme is 'Healthy Me' and we will explore how to keep our bodies healthy.

## Computing

We will continue to develop our keyboard and typing skills.

