

Parent Information Sheet



Class	Rosen Class
Classroom Staff	Teacher – Mrs W Withington Teaching Assistant – Mrs R Hoare (am only)
Term	Autumn 1 Term 2018

Topics to be covered this term

This term the children will be diving into our wonderful theme ***Towers, Tunnels and Turrets!*** One of the highlights of the term is sure to be our trip to a local historic castle where the children will have opportunity to explore a real life castle, understand what life was like in a castle a long time ago, re-enact a medieval banquet. The children will create their own junk model castles and create their own drawings of castles and towers from around the world. We will be using the text *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne as a stimulus to develop narrative writing skills and extending from this, we will use atlases and globes to plot significant tunnels and towers from around the world. To get those budding writers going, we will share *Rapunzel*, a traditional tale and retell the story in our own words.

In **English**, we will cover the following genres of writing within our learning experiences this term:

- Recount/retell - The Tunnel, trip the Castle
- Narrative – The Tunnel (character description, setting, story sequencing)
- Explanations – How to be a knight
- Instructions – How to make a model castle

In **Maths** we will look at

The number system and place value, addition and subtraction, measures including mass (weight), length and capacity. We will also delve into multiplication and division and working on *Timetables Rock Stars* will help your child to learn their 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also look at geometry including shapes and their properties. I have enclosed further information regarding our whole year coverage for maths in year 2.

Science – Animals including humans. This whole term, up to Christmas, we will thinking about the basic needs of animals and humans for survival (water, food and air). We will look at living things and their offspring and learn about keeping healthy, the importance of exercise, eating correctly and hygiene.

Topic – We will explore castles and why they were built on hills, plan a map of a castle and look at the land features of the surround areas. We will learn to describe physical features of castles and learn about famous castles in the UK and local ones including Richmond and Middleham castle. We will learn about the Bayeux tapestry and William the Conqueror be able to say something about the types of castle built,

Art and design & technology – We will be developing a range of techniques using pencils to shade and explore tone. Our skills will be tested as we make models of castles – designing, making and evaluating our finished product.

We will have the skills of Mr Paisley this term in **PE** on Wednesday morning and the whole class will be going swimming in Northallerton on a Monday afternoon. More details will follow.

Mrs Emms will take the class Thursday morning and teach **religious education** and **personal, health and social skills**.

We are lucky enough to have two **IT** sessions when the class will learn to code and stay safe with ICT.

Important things to remember

- Reading books, key words, phonics flash cards and reading record book must be in school daily. Please can you record in these books when you have heard your child read.
- PE kits must be in school **every week**.
- Spellings will be sent home on a weekly basis and will be practised in school. A short test will be carried out on **Friday morning**.
- Homework related to our topics will be sent home in homework books on **Friday**. It should be returned to class on **Wednesday** to be marked by the class teacher.
- If you are concerned about anything, please do not hesitate to speak to me **after school**.
- When arriving and leaving, please use the side entrance, which is direct access to our classroom. We often set up activities before school and we would be grateful if you would ensure that pupils and their siblings **do not** access any of the equipment in our play area.

How to help your child and their learning

- Talk with your child and find out what they have learnt at school every day, encourage them to talk in detail and always stay positive.
- Listen to them each night reading their book. They will grow in confidence if you listen and encourage them and they will become more independent. Star readers who read at least **three times a week** will have a reading session with Jack, the therapy dog on Fridays.
- Help them to practice their spellings each week, this will help them to become more confident writers. Spellings should be written as well as practiced verbally. This consolidates your child's understanding of the word.
- Encourage your child to be more independent and that they have the correct PE kit in school.

Thank you

Mrs Withington & Mrs Hoare