Key Learning this term – Year 2 – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

English

In our English lessons this half term, we will be learning to write:

- Stories
- Letters
- Recounts
- Non-chronological reports

We will be continuing to focus on:

- extending our sentences using conjunctions (and, but, because, when, if and so).
- joining our handwriting
- using apostrophes, exclamation marks and question marks correctly.

We will also be working on editing our writing to make improvements by reading it through carefully.

RF

In R.E this half term, we will be thinking about salvation. This means we will talk about how Christians believe they can be saved from their sins and the things they do wrong. The key question we will think about is: Why does Easter Matter to Christians?

We will learn about:

- How Easter is a part of the 'big story' of the Bible.
- Stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea that Jesus rescues people.
- How Jesus gives instructions about how to behave.
- How Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter.
- Whether the story of Easter has anything to say to us about sadness, hope or heaven, exploring different ideas.

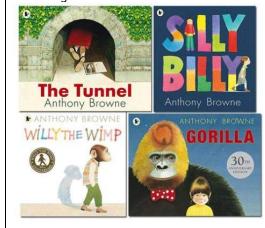
Books we will be reading

The Tunnel Rapunzel

Three Billy Goats Gruff

Author of the Month

Anthony Browne



Science

As scientists, we will:

- Carry out investigations into the strength of materials; gather and record data to help answer questions
- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for different uses
- Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in a range of habitats and microhabitats — tunnelling animals
- Talk about and describe how temperature and seasons affect and influence habitats and environments

Maths

As mathematicians, we will learn about multiplication, measuring length and height, mass, capacity & temperature.

We will also revisit our four operations learning and look at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In Snappy Maths, we will focus on:

- 2 times tables, 5 times tables, 10 times tables.
- Counting up and down in, 2's, 5's and tens.
- Number bonds to 10 and 20

PSHE

In PSHE, we will continue to follow the Jigsaw scheme. The children will learn the knowledge and skills, to help them be healthy, safe and prepare them for life.

We will look at keeping healthy this half term. We will:

- Learn how to keep our bodies healthy
- Think about how we can relax and why we need to relax.
- Learn how we use medicines safely and to help us.
- Think about healthy eating, healthy snacks and what gives us energy.

Sticky Knowledge

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History	Geography		Music
 As historians, we will: Describe the everyday lives of people in a period within or beyond living memory through our visit to Skipton Castle. Sequence significant information in chronological order – castles through the ages. Compare aspects of life in the past to life now, and be able to discuss the similarities and differences between life in a castle and homelife now. Design Technology: 	As geographers, we will: • Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features — locating towers and tunnels around the world • Describe and compare the human and physical similarities and differences between an area of the UK and a contrasting non-European country — locating amazing structures around the world. • Locate Skipton on a map and look for geographical features, human and physical, during our trip. P.E The two units this half term are: Real PE Unit 4 Creative; Building co-ordination and ball skills, counter-balancing with a partner. Real Dance Unit 2; artistry, partnering, circles, shapes.		In music this half term, we will continue to use Charanga and continue learning about the unit called 'I Wanna Play in a Band' by Joanna Mangona. This is a rock song for children. We will listen to different songs comparing them and giving our opinions on what we hear. We will continue to learn about some instruments and be able to name the instruments we hear in a song. We will learn to sing a song and compose our own music.
We will be making moving models of a drawbridge, portcullis or well., linked to the topic.			
Extra skills	Key Vocabulary		
 Learn to tie your shoelaces. Spell the days of the week and months of the year. Learn to tell the time to o'clock, half past and quarter to/past the hour. With an adult practise your ball handling skills. 	bailey battlements	The courtyard inside the outer wall of a castle The wall around the top of a castle with square spaces in it that the people in the castle can shoot through	
	burrow	A hole in the ground that has been dug by an animal such as a rabbit, often to live in	
	drawbridge	A bridge that can be lowered or raised to protect the castle from attack	
	fortress	A large, strong building or group of buildings that is designed to keep the people inside safe by protecting them from enemies	
	keep	The strong, central tower of a castle	
	moat	A deep, wide ditch that is dug around a castle, fort or town and usually filled with water, to make it more difficult for enemies to attack	
	turret	A small, circular tower that is built on top of a wall or another tower	
	portcullis	A spiked wooden or metal barrier, which helps to protect the doors from fire and battering. It was lowered by chains from a chamber above the gateway.	