

## Berry Newsletter Autumn 2020



Dear parents and carers,  
Welcome! For the first half-term, our topic will be 'Castles'. We will be asking 'Why would someone build a castle here?' and exploring the Norman invasion of 1066, WW1 and their connection to castles. Later in the second half-term we will be looking at 'The Lady of Shallot' a poem by Alfred Tennyson. In which, we will explore the themes of the poem and related artwork.

### Literacy

This half-term, we will be reading a longer novel, called *Treason*, by Berlie Doherty. Set in the reign of King Henry VIII, it focuses on Will Montague, a young page to Prince Edward, who must escape the King's court, when his father is imprisoned for treason. In the second half-term we will focus on the Lady of Shallot poem.

We will also be looking at:

- Diary and letter writing.
- Poetry.
- Narrative writing

### Numeracy

Children will explore different aspects of maths. These include:

- Counting, Partitioning & Calculating
- Problem solving

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Understanding shape

### Science:

In the first half-term, we will be learning about forces in Science including gravity, friction, air resistance, water resistance & opposing forces. This will be linked to our 'Castles' topic, by carrying out a catapult investigation in the final week.

In the second half-term we will be revising the topics missed during the lockdown.

### R.E.

Our first topic will be Hinduism, we will look at 'What does it mean to be a Hindu?'  
The second half-term we will be looking at 'Why is remembrance important?' and then 'How do art and music convey Christmas?'

### Computing

Children will be using computing skills across the curriculum linking to our other topics. The main areas that will be covered are:

- E-Safety
- Programming
- Multimedia
- Technology in our lives

### Physical education

PE will be every **Tuesday afternoon and Friday afternoon**. Children are expected to have their full kits for each session. Kits should comprise of a plain white t-shirt and black, grey or navy blue bottoms. Children should ensure they have the correct footwear.

### Music:

Music will be exploring the song 'Livin on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi. We will be doing this through clapping and then look at the musical terminology and history of rock.

### Home learning:

**Due to Covid-19, home learning will be online.**

Ideas for activities related to the topic and home learning websites will be added to the class website page.

Spellings will be sent home weekly via **spellingframe**.

Numeracy will be through **MyMaths** and they will have a range of tasks to complete.

Science will be using **Stemscopes** and set when they have a science lesson.

Spanish will be set when necessary to support their learning using **language angels**.

We will provide all students with the log ins as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me through the office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Regards  
Mr Bayne