

+ Curriculum Update – April 1st 2021

Hello everyone! We have now been back in school for 3 weeks and are very happy with how the children have settled back into the daily routines. Well done all of them. This update is just a short celebration of some of the children's work since they have returned and a rough overview of the routines and the theme for the summer term.

Theme

We have continued studying castles and in particular their features. The children have completed virtual tours of many including Windsor castle and locally Goodrich. Alongside this the children have labelled the parts of a castle, designed, and constructed catapults in which they have tested their propulsion. We will continue their learning culminating in them building their own model castles.

We have also continued writing about dragons using Zog by Julia Donaldson, The Egg by M.P. Robertson and the poem Portrait of a Dragon. Children have also enjoyed drawing and designing shields and Coat of Arms.

Maths

Children have continued their learning alongside the platform of **Whiterose**. Over the past few weeks, they have concentrated on the topics of shape and fractions.

Please keep up your times tables practise!

Reading

We are still sending a range of reading books home with your child on a Monday and they need to be returned on the Friday so that we can then clean them ready to be used after the weekend. Unfortunately, now children will not be able to bring in books from home. Thank you

Useful Websites

www.topmarks.com

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.phonicsbloom.com

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.sumdog.co.uk

www.educationcity.co.uk

www.spellingshed.co.uk

www.primaryresources.co.uk

www.ictgames.com

[https://www.english-](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/goodrich-castle/history-and-stories/virtual-tour/)

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Your Spelling Shed log in works on Education City, Sumdog and Ttrockstars too!

Routines and Timetables

As you will be aware on days when the children have PE and Forest School they should arrive in appropriate kit e.g.

PE – white t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms (when cold) and trainers.

Forest School- Old clothes and sturdy shoes.

PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

Forest School is on Wednesday morning.

Also through the week the children will need their wellies in school the whole time as we are often on the field at playtimes and if wet they will need suitable footwear.

These routines will continue the same for next term.

Next term the theme will be 'What a great sport!' It will be on a range of sports and sporting competitions. The children will have the opportunity to learn and compete in a range of sports and discover the history and rules of each; they will also investigate the history and origins of many modern day sports.

Here are some photographs showing the children designing, making and testing their catapults. We had great fun and learnt a lot about how to fire a projectile further.



Take care everybody and have a lovely Easter break.