

# Year 2 Newsletter

September 2011

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer Holiday, we are really glad to have the children back at school ☺

Our main topic for the first half term is '**Castles**'. Many subjects will be taught through this topic including History, Design and Technology and Literacy.

## **Literacy**

Our Literacy over the next term will initially focus on Fairy Tales and will then move on to Recounts and Descriptive Writing which will be linked to our main topic of Castles. The children will listen to, read and write within the different text types.

## **Maths**

The main focus areas in Maths will be reading, writing, counting, partitioning and adding and subtracting numbers. We will also be building on our knowledge of shape. There will be a whole school focus on number throughout the term.

## **ICT**

Our ICT topic is 'Data Handling'. The children will explore a range of information sources in their environment and will collect data using a digital camera. They will learn how to use ICT to create pictograms and bar charts to answer questions.

## **Science**

Our Science topic for this half term is 'Light and dark'. The children will identify, compare and describe light sources. They will investigate shiny objects and find out if they can be seen in the dark.

## **RE**

Our first RE topic is 'Homes and Families'. We will be reflecting on the love and care within a family and the uniqueness of each family. The children will find out about the Church's teaching about God's love and care for every family.

## **History**

For the first half term, we will be learning about different types of Homes – in the present and in the past. The main focus will lead on to Castles. The children will have the opportunity to research, using a variety of sources, the people that lived in castles, how castles were built and the main features of them.

## **Design & Technology**

The children will investigate castles in more detail and will then design, create and evaluate their own model castles. Please send into school any cardboard tubes such as kitchen roll tubes (no toilet rolls please) and shoe boxes to create our models.

## **Diary Dates**

- Our class liturgy will take place in the second Autumn term, we will let you know the date as soon as we can. You are all very welcome to join us.
- A school trip to a local castle will be planned for this term. A separate letter will be sent out regarding details of the trip at a later date.
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Finally, we would like to say we are really looking forward to working in partnership with you and your child this academic year. If there is anything at all that you have concerns or queries about, please do not hesitate to approach either one of us.

Many Thanks,

*Miss Grayston and Mrs Lawlor*