

Reach Up Reach Out

In

Discovery Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 in Discovery Class to children and their families. I hope everyone has had a restful half term holiday and that the children are ready for the busy term of learning ahead.

Our topic for this term is '**Castles**' and we will be research different castles through the ages (from hillforts of the Iron Age, through the wars of the Middle Ages, to the Victorian Romantic idea of chivalry). They could also look at the evolution in castle design. For example, the first Norman motte and bailey castles were made from wood but were later replaced with stone; the tall castle walls of the Middle Ages, which were designed to protect against being scaled by ladders, were replaced with short, squat, thick-walled Tudor and Stuart castles, which were designed to withstand bombardment from cannons.

We will be teaching and learning in an outdoor environment as much as possible. Please make sure children have suitable coats and footwear in school according to the weather.

I am looking forward to working with the children and would greatly appreciate your support in your child's learning.

What to bring

Please make sure children bring a fresh water bottle every day and that they are taken home each day and bring in a **healthy snack** for our morning break. PE Kits can be worn to school on days we have PE. On those days they should either have school shoes or trainers for outdoor wear. Please send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear, so they are prepared for all weathers!

Reading, Spellings and Other Homework

All children should be reading at home, ideally every evening. We aim to hear children read twice a week in guided reading sessions or as individuals. Please indicate in your child's planner with the date, next page number and signature when you have heard them read at home.

All children will have spellings to learn as homework each week. They will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday, giving the children a whole week of practice at home and at school. Children will also be required to learn their times tables.

The children will have weekly English, Maths on Fridays. It should be handed in by the following Thursday, or before. There will be a tray in the classroom for collection. Any late submissions will not be marked.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please don't hesitate to come and talk to me about any concerns you might have. Alternatively, you contact me via the class email address as follows.

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Sonia Coles

English, Phonics and SPAG

As the weeks progress, we will be looking at different text types and writing in a range of genres: poetry, narrative, and non-fiction.

Year 3 will have a 20-minute SPAG lesson each day.

Maths

Year 3 Objectives will be covered in the following areas.

- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Science- Rocks

Compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties.

- 1) Describe how igneous, sedimentary/metamorphic rocks are formed?
- 2) Give some examples of igneous, sedimentary/metamorphic rocks?
- 3) Describe some of the features of igneous, sedimentary/metamorphic rocks?
- 4) What a fossil is?
- 5) Describe how a fossil is formed?
- 6) Identify fossils as plant or animal?
- 7) State that soil is made up of rocks and organic matter.
- 8) Name the types of soil?
- 9) List some of the properties of soil?

English and Maths weekly updates

There will be further information about the specific objectives being covered each week in the updates, along with other information on the Discovery class page on our school website.



Computing:

Drawing and desk top publishing

PE

- Tag Rugby

Music

Glockenspiel Stage 1

Art- Collage and mixed media

RE- Nativity Story

MFL- Spanish

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PSHCE Our School Values / Our Diamond Rules

As we settle into the new school year PSHCE lessons will focus on our Diamond rules and the term's value and our SCARF resource.

Valuing Differences

- Respect and challenge
- Family and friends
- My community
- Our friends and neighbours
- Let's celebrate our differences
- Zeb

Discovery Timetable Term 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40 – 9.05	Registration & Brain Exercise	Registration & Brain Exercise	Registration & Brain Exercise	Registration & Brain Exercise	Registration & Brain Exercise
9.05 – 9.30	SPaG	SPaG	SPaG	SPaG	SPaG
9.30 – 10.30	English	English	English	English	English
10.30 – 10.45	BREAK TIME				
10.45 – 12.00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	English
12.00 – 1.00	LUNCHTIME				
1.00 – 1.10:	Relaxation & Register	Relaxation & Register	Relaxation & Register	Relaxation & Register	Relaxation & Register
1.10 – 1.30	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
1.30 – 3.00	PSHCE	Afternoon Subjects	PE	PE	Afternoon Subjects
3.00 – 3.20	Assembly		Spanish Computing	D & T	Assembly
3.20 – 3.30	Class time	Class time	Class time	Class time	Class time

Afternoon subjects are blocked and include Music, RE, Computing, and Art/D&T. Science will be blocked for a whole week and taught during that period. This is a basic timetable which may be changed to take advantage of opportunities that may arise as the term progresses or to accommodate other events in school.