

## Communication and language

We will learn rhymes and our school prayers. We will talk to our friends and teachers using turn taking and good listening. In Talk4Writing, we will listen to the "Little Red Hen" and "Sleeping Beauty" stories and then recite them ourselves. We will learn harvest poems and learn about the Christmas story.

## Expressive Art and Design

This term, we are going to paint and draw castles and portraits of ourselves. We will use tools, paints and materials for creative expression. We will make story props and decorations. We will dance and use percussion instruments to reflect our feelings and act out stories. We will use small world imaginative play, make model castles and use clay. We will dress up and use a variety of role play resources.

## IT

We will learn how to use an iPad safely, to take pictures and follow simple programmes. We will use the "Kapow" programme of study.

## Personal, social and emotional development

Throughout this term, we will be exploring co-operation, sharing and being kind through the Values. We will learn the class rules and how to stay within the expected behaviour boundaries of school. We will make independent choices, manage our belongings and ask for help when needed. We will express our feelings and preferences. We will get to know other children and hopefully make new friends! We will follow the "PSHE Jigsaw" programme for EYFS.

## Cherry Class Reception – Autumn Term 2021 "Good Knight Princess"



All about castles and fairy tales.

## Literacy

The children will practice their letter families and learn single sounds in phonics. They will try to hold their pencils correctly and form letters and numerals starting at the correct place. They will talk about books together and begin to blend for reading.

## Understanding of the World

The children will explore the local environment through learning walks. They will learn about life in castles through stories and role play. They will explore seasonal change and the natural environment. They will learn what it means to "belong" somewhere.

## How you can help

- ✓ Share books and stories regularly and use the guidance in the book covers for ideas.
- ✓ Help your child learn their sounds and tricky words when these are sent home.
- ✓ Practise tracing or writing their name, showing them the correct letter formation, pencil grip and how to use scissors.
- ✓ Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to ten.
- ✓ Talk about the topic at home.
- ✓ Make sure your child can manage their own clothing and shoes.
- ✓ Sing rhymes and songs together.

## Mathematics

Throughout this term, children will count objects with careful 1:1 correspondence. They will begin to link quantity to numerals. They will recite counting rhymes and talk about more, less, bigger smaller, longest and shortest. Shape names and pattern making.

## Religious Education

As a Church of England school, children will get to know our church and take part in Christian worship. They will join in collective worship in assembly and be encouraged to say the school prayers, as well as suggest their own. This term they will learn about "Belonging", special stories from different cultures and how we celebrate Harvest and Christmas. Our Values this term are friendship and truthfulness.

## Physical development

We will be working on fine motor skills daily with a variety of different activities for free choice and adult led practise. We will be doing "Dough Disco" to develop strong finger muscles and build with "big" things outside, sand water and construction toys. We will have dance tuition and take part in PE with year one pupils.

## Enrichment

The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topic takes. We will have forest school sessions and work with Year 1 and 2 for special events in school. We will visit a castle.