



Year 2 Spring 1: 2025-2026

Our unit this half term is Towers, Turrets and Tunnels!

Have a look at our exciting, fun learning!

<p><u>Reading & Phonics</u></p> <p>Reading will be based around our new topic 'Towers, Turrets and Tunnels.' It will include a range of fiction and non-fiction books.</p> <p>Children will be working on phase 3-5 and beyond in phonics. Children in phase 3 will continue to identify, sound and blend words in sentences. Children in phase and beyond will be learning to read more complex words with prefixes and suffixes.</p>	<p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>Writing skills will continue to be taught through a range of fun and engaging activities. Our whole class texts this term are: The Egg, The Tunnel and All about Castles. The children will have the opportunity to discuss and explore these texts thinking about fiction and non-fiction. They will produce a range of writing pieces including fact files, recounts, and stories.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>Children will continue to learn and build on the following concepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division • Fractions - of shapes and numbers • Money - recognition of coins and notes • Money - making different amounts. • Money - making the same amount using different coins. • Estimating and measuring length, height, temperature, and capacity. <p>They will also continue to recap and embed their knowledge of the four arithmetic operations and reason using our reasoning characters; Explain it Ellie, Show me Shafi and Use it Unicorn.</p>	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>Our science topic for this half term enables the children to learn about mini-beasts and micro-habitats and tunnelling animals such as moles, rabbits, and badgers. Within this topic, the children will consider animal habitats and lifecycles.</p> <p>In addition to this they will continue to develop their understanding of materials and their properties as they build their own castles for their homework project.</p>
<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>We will be staying active and learning about how to keep fit this half term through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-minute stamina run • Practicing balances and jumping from a height and on level ground. • Creating a sequence of movements. • Learning how to use and handle a tennis racket correctly. 	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Computing is an integral part of the curriculum and will be used across all subjects. Children will practise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running and closing a program • Algorithms • Fact finding • Creating bar charts and graphs. <p>Children will continue to learn about internet safety across year 2, using a range of sources.</p>	<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>Our RE lessons will look at and answer the questions, 'Who is Jewish and what do they believe?'</p> <p>The children will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key beliefs in Judaism • Synagogues and why they are a sacred place • The Torah • Symbols that belong to the Jewish faith • The Shabbat 	<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>This term's learning will build on pupil's knowledge and understanding about their wider world. Children will explore the word 'change' by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering changes that may happen in a story. • Considering real-life changes • Thinking about how they respond to change. <p>Responding to questions about right and wrong choices when dealing with change.</p>

Music

Children will have the opportunity to play and listen to a wide range of musical instruments. They will learn about the dynamics of music, allowing them to explore musical symbols and sharing their knowledge with parents and carers.

Topic - Towers, Turrets and Tunnels - Our wow day - Children will experience a day at Tamworth Castle!

As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, pupils will learn key skills in relation to their new topic this term. The topic will begin with an exciting wow experience at Tamworth Castle. Children will also research facts about castles and why they were built and how they defended themselves when under attack. For their homework project, children will have the opportunity to learn more about the features of castles as well as design and make their own castles, using a range of recycled construction materials. Towards the end of the topic, children will explore different types of tunnels; thinking about what tunnels are made from, how they might be used and why they might have been built. In art and design, children will explore the work and techniques of Pablo Picasso using the technique of Cubism to produce a piece of art. All areas of learning will aim to encompass fun, interactive activities to enable children to continue to enjoy their learning at home.

How you can help me at home

- Please enjoy a book with me every day.
- Take me to the library so that I can choose books to read. These may be linked to my topic.
- Ask me what learning I did at school today so I can describe and explain.
- Help me find pictures and objects to make and create things at home.
- Listen to and join in when I sing my school songs so that I can learn them really well.
- Talk about what it means to be a good learner and a good friend.
- Let me help you when we go shopping by writing a shopping list and counting items to put in our trolley or basket.
- Help me recognise coins by letting me count them.
- Talk about and describe the changes in weather to help me learn about different seasons.
- Read me a bedtime story.