



# Christ Church Church of England Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4: 10*

Welcome to the Autumn 1 edition of the Year 2 Curriculum News. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

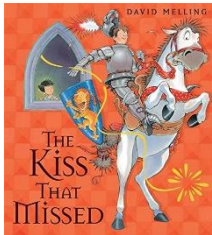
This term in Year 2 our theme is '**Knights and Castles**'. We will begin the term with a **history** focus, considering the key question: '**Why don't all castles have moats?**'



We will be learning about Lancaster Castle as a significant historical place within our own locality.

We will also be finding out about historically significant events beyond living memory using various sources of information. This will include a study of the Bayeux Tapestry.

For the first half term in **English**, we



will be using '**The Kiss the Missed**' as our core text. We will follow a phased approach to develop our reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, and grammar skills using this text.

**Maths** this half term, will focus on Number and Place Value, Length and Mass, Addition and Subtraction and Geometry. We will be splitting two-digit numbers into tens and ones eg.  $23=20+3$  or  $23=10+13$ . We will be reading and writing numbers to 100. Also, we will be counting to 2s to 30 - forwards and backwards, counting in 5s to 100 and 10s, starting from different numbers.

*Further information about how English and Maths are taught at Christ Church can be found by visiting our school website:*

[www.christchurch-lancaster.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.christchurch-lancaster.lancs.sch.uk)

In **Science** this term we will be investigating materials. We will work scientifically by identifying advantages and disadvantages of different types of materials and making decisions about which is the best material for a specific purpose.

In **Computing** we will be **Online Safety** using '2Simple' software to learn about staying safe and 'Effective Searching'.

This half term, **PE** will be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

In **Gymnastics** we will focus on increasing our range of basic gymnastic skills, creating simple sequences of unlike actions on the floor, and then apparatus.

In **Games**, we will improve and apply 'Fundamental Movement Skills' when playing Net and Wall games



In **Music** lessons, we will be exploring sounds, as well as developing our understanding of beat.

In **Art**, we will be developing our painting skills using Paul Klee's 'The Castle and the Sun' as a stimulus.



Our **SCARF PSHE** theme this half term is all about '**Me and My Relationships**'.

In **RE** this half term will be focussed on the question: 'Why is the Bible such a special book?'. We will learn about how the Bible tells God's Big Story.

### How can I help at home?

Reading books will be sent home daily. Please spend time each evening reading with your child, talking about the text and any challenging vocabulary. Please return reading books and signed Reading Record books to school each day.

Thank you.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Smith & Miss Baker

