



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

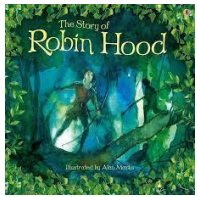
Welcome to the Autumn 2 edition of the Year 2 Curriculum News. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

This half term in Year 2 our theme will continue to be 'Knights and Castles'. We will focus on history and our enquiry will answer these questions:



- Why were castles built?
- Did everyone live in a castle?
- How were people protected in medieval Britain?
- What was life like for different people within Britain?

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



For this half term in **English**, we will be using 'Robin Hood' 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:

- Multiplication (using arrays to help us),
- Statistics (using Tally Charts, block graphs and pictograms to organise and interpret data),
- Fractions (learning the terms 'numerator' and 'denominator' and finding fractions of shapes, objects and quantities),
- Money (using pounds and pence to make and find totals),
- Time (telling the time to five minutes, quarter past/to).

In **Science** this term we will continue to investigate 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.

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

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**.

We will be learning some medieval dances with Miss Helen. This links to our Themed work.



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

In **DT**, we will be design and make a catapult which will help us to answer our question 'How far can a catapult throw?'.



- Our **SCARF PSHE** theme this half term is all about 'Valuing Difference'.

In **RE** this half term will be finish answering the question: 'Why is the Bible such a special book?' before moving onto 'Why is the birth of Jesus such good news?'

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

(Year 1 class teacher)