



## Our learning this term is Towers, Tunnels and Turrets!

See that castle ahead? Get ready to invade its mighty walls! Shoot a projectile with an archer's arm! Head across the drawbridge, over the moat and up to the tower...

Our learning this half term will, as usual, encompass a range of skills to support the whole curriculum.

**Writing:** Writing a 'Story Setting' based on our visit to Kolossi Castle and a report about castles.

**Maths:** We will be learning a range of methods to support our understanding of Multiplication and Division, including tables.

**Science:** Our Science learning will link to plants – what they need to survive, the parts and all about seeds.

**Topic:** We will support our understanding of Towers, Tunnels and Turrets by learning about the parts of castles, locating them in Cyprus and the UK, finding out about knights and soldiers, what tunnels are used for and important people linked to this, understanding coats of arms and designing our own, using watercolour to paint castles, understanding the need for a fortress before designing and building one, and baking bread!

### VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

We will be starting our topic with a fantastic visit to Kolossi Castle. We want the children to experience the castle setting at both day and night as this will form the basis of their story setting writing during the half term.

In the final week of the half term, we are holding a STEM day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) where we will be solving challenges linked to building towers, tunnels and turrets.

### HOME LEARNING

We will be sending home learning books home each Friday with home learning opportunities linked to the week's class learning, including phonics and spellings.

### READING

We are continuing to focus on reading and will be reading each week with your child in Guided Reading. Please ensure that reading books and reading records are in school every day.

### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Regular reading – please initial when you have read with your child, we would love children to read at least 3 times a week at home. When reading with your child, don't forget to ask them questions to ensure that they understand what they are reading.  
Regular counting, in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

### Additional information

**We are always looking for help, to hear children reading in the class (or any other skill you may have!) Should you want to volunteer, please see your child's teacher.**

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**PE** happens throughout the week in Year 2, please ensure that PE kit is in school on a Monday and stays for the week.

**Library Day:** Wednesday for all Year 2 classes. Please ensure library books are in school to be returned/renewed.

**Class Dojo and SeeSaw** – please ensure that you have connected to Class Dojo and SeeSaw to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning. If you haven't yet connected, please speak to your child's teacher for a pass code.

It has been lovely to see your children come in so refreshed and ready for learning after the Christmas Holidays. As the weather is very inclement at the moment, please ensure children have coats!