



Dear Grown ups,

New Year, same us, although this term we are lucky to be joined by Miss Newman, who is partnered with Atlantic from the University of Exeter as a student teacher.

This term we are looking at the history of castles, both locally and around the world. We are excited to explore the life and times of those who lived in them.

We, as always, are focussing on our reading and phonics. Rewards and incentives for consistent home reading will begin this half term so keep an eye out!

We have Internet Safety Day coming up this term, all your children will receive information on how to best protect themselves when using technology. There are some great resources linked [here](#) to look at this as a family, it is a vital area for the modern world.

PE remains on a Friday so please bring your kits every week, as does library on a Thursday for new books. It would also be great to see your children taking part in Aspire tasks, do get in touch if you need more information on this.

All the best,
Miss Powell, Miss Emmerson and Miss Newman

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

What was life like for different people living in a castle?

AS LINGUISTS we are developing our writing skills to create longer and more detailed sentences. Lots of descriptive writing coming up!

AS MATHEMATICIANS we work on number bonds to 20 and begin to add and subtract digits up to 20. Also counting by 2, 5 and 10.

AS HISTORIANS we look at the History of castles near and far and research the lives of those who lived in them.

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS we will look at the basic functions of memory on a computer and how we can save work and images to our own files.

AS DESIGN TECHNICIANS we are designing and building our own castles and helmet's for Knight's. We will also be looking at Anthony Goldsworthy who uses natural materials to create art.

AS SCIENTISTS we investigate light. Where it comes from, what it does and what would happen if we were always in the dark.

AS CITIZENS (PSHCE) we look at how we can keep ourselves safe and who we can trust. We look at protecting ourselves.

AS RELIGIOUS INVESTIGATORS we look at the role of rules and routines in both religions and our daily lives.

AS SPORTS STARS we will be developing basic ball skills and incorporating these into fun and engaging games.

AS MUSICIANS we are getting groovy with our new class song. Exploring rhythm, beat and pulse through a range of genres.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Please bring **PE kits on Fridays**
- Please supply your child with a coat and water bottle **everyday**.
- Please bring your child in **full school uniform** including a **jumper**, a **tie** and black school **shoes**.



Termly homework

Please choose at least two of these projects to complete at home and bring into school or email us a photo for us to display.

Design a family crest with things your family loves on it.

Visit one of our local castles on Portland, find out a fact about it.

Create a stone tower or a picture out of natural objects like Anthony Goldsworthy.

Record a performance of our class story map of The Paper Bag Princess.

Compare the height and length of objects in your house. What is the longest object? What is the tallest?

Help lay the table at dinner time and count the knives and forks out by 2s.