



# CLASS 2JP

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.



## WHY WERE CASTLES BUILT?

### Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

Fantasy stories  
Non- Chronological reports  
Diaries

During literacy your child will be focusing on grammar, punctuation and guided reading.

### Science

In Science our topic for the next three weeks will be 'Investigating Everyday Materials'. We will be carrying out a number of investigations. The investigations will enable the children to use their knowledge of the different properties that materials can have. The children will have the opportunity to pose their own investigative question, plan the investigation and analyse their findings.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

Place Value  
Key number facts

Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Information to help you with this is on the website entitled - helping year 2 children to learn important number facts.

### History

In History the children we will be investigating castles. They will be researching when and why castles were built, who lived in them, what life was like and what has happened to castles since the medieval period. The children will have opportunities to ask questions about the castles and will use a range of secondary sources e.g. pictures, books and ICT to help them find the answers. The children will present information in a range of different written styles.

### Art/DT

During our Art and DT lessons we will be designing and making personalised coat of arms and making a moving jousting picture.

### R.E.

In RE we will be thinking about 'Why does Easter Matter to Christians?' We will be retelling the story of Easter, exploring the different ways how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus at Easter. We will spend time reflecting on the sadness of Easter but also on the happiness of how Jesus came back to life.

### PE

PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will usually take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. as well as their outdoor kit. Trainers are also required on this day as, wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside

### Home Reading

During Autumn term, class 2JP met the 'Must, Could and Challenge' on a number of occasions. Moving forward, I am challenging the class to continue in this positive direction. Please continue to read a few pages of your child's home reading book with them every night and sign the reading record after your child has read. You can also support your child's learning by asking questions about the book.

### Homework/Spellings

Spellings will to be given out each Tuesday. A spelling test will take place the following Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Homework will be sent out each Friday; to be returned by the following Friday.

### Music

In music the children will be continuing to explore the pulse and rhythm through listening to different songs and playing instruments.

**If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me on [jpver@stjameshull.co.uk](mailto:jpver@stjameshull.co.uk) or ring the school office if it is urgent.**