

YEAR 1

Classes: Bumblebee, Ladybird and Laurel

Topic for the Term: Castles

Key Question: What is special about our local area?



At the end of Term 6, we will be having a Medieval Banquet.

English

We will be reading fiction texts *The Princess and The White Bear King* by Tanya Robyn Batt, *Look Out, There's A Dragon!* by Johnny Lambert and non-fiction text *See Inside Castles* by Katie Daynes.

We will be writing information texts about castles and simple stories set in castles. We will be focussing on orally rehearsing writing and sentence structure.

Maths

We will be learning to solve addition and subtraction problems, exploring halves, quarters and arrays, beginning to multiply and divide, making turns and programming floor robots, and learning the multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Science

We will continue to investigate materials and their properties. We will also be learning about seasonal changes as Spring becomes Summer.

History

We will be learning about the history of castles, how they were built and how they were used, including the lives of people who lived and worked in castles. We will have a particular focus on Rochester Castle.

RE

We will be learning about the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hannah and Yom Kippur.

Art and DT

We will be designing a placemat for a Medieval Banquet, learning to sew with simple stitches to create a tapestry, building model castles and creating menus for our Medieval Banquet.

Computing

We will be learning to use animation with the program, Scratch.

PSHE

Living In The Wider World, and Transition to Year 2.

Homework

At Warren Wood Primary Academy, we believe that homework makes an important contribution to your child's learning. Homework can provide the opportunity to reinforce work completed at school or prepare for work coming up. It gives your child the opportunity to work independently, although you should support your child and take an interest in the work they are completing.

We expect children to read a minimum of three times a week. All children who are reading Bug Club books are allocated a selection of books that can be read via the Bug Club website. These are linked to their phonic phase. Reading online is our preferred method of home reading but if you prefer your child to have a physical book, we change reading books twice a week. Children who are using Accelerated Reader can change books once they have taken a comprehension quiz on Accelerated Reader.

Children can also find books to read on MyON. Class teachers often set a 'reading project' where they will select books for the children, based on Topic learning or the children's interests.

Spellings will be sent home weekly to learn.

Maths is set weekly on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Children are also encouraged to use Numbots to practise their number bonds.

Homework:

Weekly spellings, sent home on Friday.

Maths: weekly - set on Friday, return by Wednesday, plus Numbots and TTRS practice.

Reading: minimum 3 x times a week. Please look out for suggested reading projects on MyON.



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Skills for Life passport activities

The following activities are part of our Skills for Life passport that can be completed at home. Please send evidence of completion to the class email addresses so that the children's passports can be stamped in school.

- I have brought something in a shop and was able to check my change.
- I have picked up litter in my local area.

Uniform / PE Kit



We would ask that all children wear appropriate uniform at all times, including house team T-shirts for PE (available to purchase through Parent Pay). If there is a particular reason why your child is not in full uniform, please email the school.

If your child is unable to participate in PE lessons on any given day, please forward us an explanation. The easiest and most convenient way to contact us is through the class email addresses (please see below in the 'contacting the teacher' section).

Appropriate PE kit is important for safety and hygiene reasons, (black shorts, house coloured T shirt, black tracksuit and trainers or plimsolls). We will contact parents if children forget kit repeatedly. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings: these will need to be removed beforehand. **Year 1 and Laurel class PE days are every Monday and Tuesday – on these days, children should wear their PE kit into school, rather than bring it in separately.**

Contacting the teacher

Teacher contact should be made using the following email addresses:

Bumblebee Class: wvbumblebee@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

Ladybird Class: wvladybird@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

Laurel Class: wvlaurel@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

You can also contact the office via phone for information. If you need your child's teacher to phone you back, the office will let us know and we will phone you back at the earliest possible opportunity.



Bumblebee Class

Teacher: Mrs Piper

Student Teacher: Miss Compton

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Jefferson

Ladybird Class

Teacher: Mrs Lawns

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Heath

Laurel Class

Teacher: Miss Simpson

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Porter

