



Curriculum Information



Spring 2 Year 1



Our topics this half term are 'Julia Donaldson' and 'Castles'.

During our English lessons we will be exploring books written by the author Julia Donaldson. We will meet a very smart giant, an old lady whose house is a squash and a squeeze and a nervous cook who needs to prepare dinner for the king!

Alongside this theme, we will be stepping back in time during our visit to Tamworth Castle where we will be helping to prepare the dining table for the Lord and Lady of the Castle and finding out what it took to be a squire or knight during medieval times. We will also be finding out if the castle was ever visited by monarchs!

As writers, we will be writing a set of instructions, retelling a story, creating our own version of a story and writing a poem too.

As readers, we will share a number of books which will include 'The Smartest Giant in Town,' 'Wriggle and Roar,' 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and 'The Cook and the King.' We will also be exposed to a range of books during our guided reading sessions.

In Maths, we will explore numbers within 50. This will include addition and subtraction within 20, finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and quantities and exploring length and mass using cm and kg.

In Science, we will be exploring forces such as pulling, pushing and twisting.

In Geography, we will be locating and comparing the four countries of the UK using an atlas.

In History, we will be finding out what a monarch is and discussing our current monarch King Charles III. We will also be exploring how life changed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

In Art, we will be looking at Paul Klee's 'Castle and Sun' and exploring primary and secondary colours and shape.

In DT, in order to gain an understanding that we should eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day we will be cooking a pasta salad with roasted vegetables.

In Computing, we will be exploring common uses of ICT and combining pictures with sentences using Purple Mash.

In Music, we will be exploring long and short notes and finding out that rhythms can be repeated. We will also use our voice to make high and low sounds.

In PSHE, we will be finding out how to stay safe both at home and in the community.

In PE, we will take part in gymnastics and team games.

In RE, we will learn that Easter is an important festival celebrated by Christians and look at the story of Palm Sunday.