

Our Curriculum is designed to develop five core characteristics in our pupils, which we believe will lay the foundations for them to be lifelong learners and good global citizens. These are:



<u>Year Two Curriculum Overview</u>	<u>Autumn Two Half Term</u>	<u>Learning Focus: Castles & Christmas</u>
English - Phonics	Children will continue to learn Level 6 of Twinkl Phonics, focusing on the alternative graphemes for previous taught phonemes e.g., graphemes le , el , il and al , all used for the phoneme /l/. They will look at the rules for when to use them and read and spell a range of words containing them. They will also be reading and spelling Common Exception Words and add suffixes to show past and present tense. Children will continue to have a banded book matched to their phonic ability sent home each week to read.	
English - Writing	Following the school's Talk 4 Writing approach, children will focus on texts related to our theme of 'Castles'. First, for our non-fiction unit, children will write a recount of their visit to Tamworth Castle. After that, they will learn to re-tell the story of 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon' using our story map. We will focus on the character description used in the text, and then they will change the dragon for their own creature!	
Mathematics	In mathematics, children will focus on addition and subtraction, recognising that $\text{part} + \text{part} = \text{whole}$ and $\text{whole} - \text{part} = \text{part}$. They will learn different strategies for adding and subtracting a 2-digit number and a 1-digit number and two 2-digit numbers. They will also learn efficient methods when crossing ten. Children will continue to recall their number bonds to ten and twenty and use their learning to relate those facts to adding multiples of ten. e.g. If I know $7 + 3 = 10$, then I know $70 + 30 = 100$.	
Science	The focus for this half term will be the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal, brick, and cardboard. Children will identify and compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. They will also investigate how some materials can change shape by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching, and look at how the recycling process is able to reuse some materials numerous times. They will finish the unit by learning about inventors who are discovering new materials.	
History	Our learning in History will focus on who built the first castles in the UK and reasons why. Children will learn about the Battle of Hastings and subsequent Norman conquest. They will learn about the structure of motte & bailey and medieval castles and identify common features. They will also discover who lived in castles and visit Tamworth castle themselves to help bring our history learning to life.	
DT	In DT, children will select and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks. Linking our learning to our History topic, we will build castles and explore the use of mechanisms such as levers and sliders.	
Music	As part of our music curriculum, children will be learning that playing together is a very important part of learning music. There are many ensembles, bands and groups you can play in. One of these groups is an orchestra. This unit features the orchestra - what can you learn about the orchestra?	
PE	In PE, children will work with Chris, our sports coach, to develop their tennis skills. They will practice basic forehand and backhand strokes to complete a rally over the net.	
PSHE	Our focus for the half term will be on respect. Children will discuss how we can play and work cooperatively and share our opinions. We will also discuss how people may feel if they experience hurtful behaviour or bullying and how to report bullying by talking to trusted adults. This links with our whole school focus as part of Anti-Bullying Week.	
RE	Children will build on their learning about Judaism by looking at the Jewish traditions associated with the celebration of Hanukkah and will be able to highlight why this festival is important to Jewish people. Children will also build on their knowledge of why Christmas is important to Christians and how the Bible highlights this extraordinary event.	