

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:



Year Two Curriculum Overview	Autumn Two Half Term	Learning Focus: Castles & Christmas
English - Phonics	Most children will begin learning Level 6 of Twinkl Phonics. It will focus on alternative graphemes for previous taught phonemes e.g. letter y saying 'igh' and they will learn the rules for when to use them. They will also be reading and spelling Common Exception Words. Children will continue to have a banded book 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 part + part = whole and whole - part = 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 digital well-being. Children will consider how we can use the internet in a safe and responsible way. Children will discuss how the internet can be useful in our everyday lives and how we can balance time online with doing other activities to keep our mind and body healthy. Children will consider what risks there are online and how we can make sure we stay safe, including how important it is not to share any personal information over the internet. We will also explore the importance of communicating online in a way that shows kindness and respect and discuss whether or not we can believe everything we see on the internet.	
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.	