

# Towers, tunnels and turrets

Year 2 Spring 1 2019

2F and 2CF PE days -  
Wednesday and Thursday

## Unlocking the learning

**Unlocking the learning at home** - It is really important that children have the opportunity to use what they learn in school at home. What do you already know about towers, tunnels or turrets? Where can they be found? Have you ever visited a tower, tunnel or turret?

**Get reading** – Please could you read with your child regularly at home. It is important to read as often as possible so that your child can practise their skills and sounds taught in school.

**Get exploring** – Can you find out about different castles around the world?

**Get creating** – complete one of the home learning heroes to help enrich your understanding of the topic.

## Maths. We will be covering...

This half term, the children will be continuing to work on securing their number skills with a focus on place value of numbers and times tables for the 2, 5 and 10 tables and relating these to division facts. We need to build speed and accuracy with mental calculations.

Linked to our topic we shall be working with standard units of measurement. Looking at key vocabulary related to measures and reading scales.

Children will also be problem solving using a range of skills and methods taught in number and measures. They will need to solve one and two step word problems using jottings to show their working.

We shall also be teaching strategies and methods for adding two, two digit numbers together and subtracting.



## English We will be covering...

During English this half term we will write in different forms for example recounts, narratives, posters and writing facts about castles. The children will be writing for different audiences and looking at how information writing differs from narrative. Children will also be writing about personal experiences from our visit to Warwick castle.

### Key vocabulary

**Turret** - A small tower on top of a large tower or at the corner of a building or wall, usually a castle.

**Rampart** - A defensive walkway of a castle.

**Trebuchet** - A machine used in medieval times to hurl stones as a means of attack.

**Portcullis** - a heavy gate that is made from wood and metal that can be lowered to prevent the enemy from entering a castle.

**DURING THIS TOPIC WE WILL BE INVITING PARENTS IN FOR A BANQUET. DATES TO BE CONFIRMED SOON.**

## Topic. We will be covering...

In Year Two the children will be focusing on the topic 'Towers, tunnels and turrets.'

This half term we will be making and creating lots of pictures and models of castles and bridges so will be looking at how we can make structures solid and strong. We will be investigating structures from around the world and our local area.

**Geography:** We will investigate towers and tunnels around the world. Children will be using atlases to identify countries around the world that have famous tunnels, towers and bridges.

**History:** Children will explore castles from the past and what they looked like. They will also look at how castles have developed over time and identify features of them. We shall also learn about what life was like living in castle. This will come to life during our visit to Warwick Castle.

**Computing:** We shall look at how to keep safe online and use different creative tools using 'Paint it' to create castle images.

**P.E:** we will be developing our balance and co-ordination.

### Please ensure:

**Your child has their PE kit in school** – it is important for children to take part in PE for 2 hours every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.