

# Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September

## Butterfly Class Weekly Update

What a super first week we have had!

Next week in English we will begin our Read, Write, Inc books. We be focusing on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In Maths we will work on place value and will think about counting forwards and backwards (one more, one less).

In Art we are using our bodies to make drawings. In Science we will be looking at materials and thinking about the difference between an object and the material that it is made from. In RE we will think about the question 'Who is God?'

## Dragonfly Class Weekly Update

We have had a lovely first week back and the children have shown that they are ready to be Year 2 Leaders!

Next week.....

**In English** we will be using our key text 'The Paper Bag Princess' as our focus. We will be writing a character description, focusing on adjectives, and a letter to Prince Ronald! We will read this book for whole class guided reading this week so the children are very familiar with the story.

**In Maths** we will begin our unit on 'place value' on Monday. The children will be focusing on numbers to 20, counting to 100 by making groups of 10, recognising 10's and 1's in a two digit number and will begin to use place value charts. In addition to this the children will be solving problems using their knowledge of place value.

**Our topic** this half term is 'Once Upon a Time'. This is a geography based topic and we are exploring castles. Next week we will be looking at the defensive features of castles and discussing why they were necessary and how they protected the people inside.

**In Science** this half term we are investigating *Materials*. Next week we will be sorting materials into different groups according to their properties. This will be a practical, interactive lesson.

**In RE** we will continue with our unit 'Why do Christians go to Church' and will explore special events.

**Our Art** unit is called 'Explore and Draw'. The children will be learning about artists who use the world around them for artistic inspiration. The children will collect and create using nature.

**In PSHE** we will be reading *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes*, which is a text from the Story Project (this project focuses on children's well-being).

**Whole class guided reading:** our text will be *The Three Little Super Pigs* and we will be comparing this to the traditional version of *The Three Little Pigs*.

If your child is on coloured level reading books (blue upwards), they are now able to change their reading books independently. It is not essential that they re-read their books as they have secured the alphabetic code but of course, they can if they would like to! They will be given the time to change their reading books each morning.