



# Shakespeare Primary School

## Year 2 Newsletter Spring 1 Term 2021

### Welcome back!



#### Don't Forget...

- Children need to have their read and respond in school every day and if they read **4 times a week** they'll receive a raffle ticket
- Lots of our exciting moments are tweeted. Follow us at @shakespearels9
- The school website has an E-safety section with a comprehensive list of ideas of how to keep your child safe on the internet. Please take a look.
- Remember children need to have trainers for their PE days.
- 2I PE days – Monday and Friday
- 2L – PE days – Tuesday and Wednesday
- 2F PE days – Monday and Wednesday

#### Key dates...



- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Knights and Princesses day
- Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> – Training day – school closed

#### Hands, Face, Space campaign

Alongside our other safety measures we will be talking to children about the government's 'Hands, Face, Space' campaign: urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak of Covid-19.

### Our Learning Project for Spring 1 is Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

To start our project next half term of 'Towers, Tunnels and turrets' we will be having a 'Knights and princesses' day and learn what it was like to live in a castle. From there, all our learning will be based around castles and tunnels this half term. In English we will find out about castles and write our own fact file linked to this. We will also be looking at Anthony Brown's book of 'The Tunnel.' We will read this as part of our class reading book and use it as a stimulus for writing. We will write our own story based on this. We will also continue to concentrate on sentence types and looking at descriptive sentences to add excitement to our writing. In maths we will continue to focus on counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s and also 3s now, both forwards and backwards. We will continue to look at how numbers are made and how they can be made in different ways e.g  $40+3=43$  and  $21+22=43$ . We will continue to look at calculating and missing number problems and look at new methods of calculating. We will also look at shape and measures and applying this into calculations and problems. Our focus this half term will be on multiplication and division. In science we will be looking at what basic needs animals and humans have and also looking at habitats and where animals live and why. In DT we will be designing and making our own castle using materials and boxes and paper. In history we are looking at castles and how they have changed over the years and also how tunnels were made many years ago. Children will also learn about the 'Great Escape' of World War 2 and find out about what happened. We have an exciting and busy half term ahead. Please make sure that your child is in school every day and on time to make sure that they do not miss any exciting learning opportunities. We thank you for your continued support.

#### Other Areas of Learning

- PE- The Daily Mile and running skills, Improving aerobic fitness
- PSHE- Developing emotional resilience
- Computing- Basic computer skills including emails, typing and document editing.