

# Year 2 News

Hello! We hope you had a great Christmas.

Our topic for this half term is 'Would you like to be a knight?' If you look on the back of this letter, you'll see what your child will be learning between now and February half term. If you have questions about anything, please come and ask us as we are always happy to have a chat.

We are really looking forward to the festive term ahead!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Rutland & Mrs Rogers

We will give out homework each Monday for your child to bring back to school on a Friday. There will be three different sorts of homework. Your child will receive **one** of these each week.

1. A maths game or puzzle. Please play the maths game with your child or ensure they understand what they have been given.
2. Topic homework. The topic homework might involve answering a question or doing some research.
3. Comprehension. This will include a short reading piece, either a story or a piece of information. Please encourage your child to read it as independently as possible and work together to answer the questions.

## Maths

This half term the children will learn to round 2 digit numbers to the nearest multiple of 10, add and subtract 2 digit numbers using number lines, make 2 digit amounts using money, find  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of amounts by sharing and using number facts, use number bonds to 10 to help them solve other number problems, look at the properties of numbers and use this to sort them and use ordinal numbers to 10<sup>th</sup> and beyond.

## English

The children will have separate guided reading and phonics sessions based on their current ability levels. In their main English lesson they will apply their reading and writing skills. This term they will be pretend they were in the Battle of Hastings and write a recount of the gruesome battle. We will look at different variations of fairy tales and write our own stories. If you have a favourite fairy tale at home bring it into school for us all to





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#### Topic

Our topic will begin with us looking at the Battle of Hastings. We will go back 1066 and find out about the different contenders for King. We will make posters to show who we think should be King and explain our choices. We will act out the Battle of Hastings and then write about it. For our battle we will make shields, discuss the different symbols used and what they mean.

We will also learn about medieval weapons and make trebuchets. We will look at different types of castles and their features. We will then make a castle using junk modelling.

In Science we will look at growing conditions to help plants grow. We will grow our own beanstalks and measure them.

At the end of our topic we will celebrate with a medieval banquet!