

Spring 2018

Cherry Tree Class

We will be learning about **POWER** through two different topics this term. Inspired by our annual trip to the pantomime, we will be looking at traditional tales before half-term, and then the Celts before Easter.



In Literacy, we are going to examine different traditional tales and fairy-stories, as well as consider them from different points of view. We will study classics such as *The Three Little Pigs*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *The Enormous Turnip*, and *Hansel and Gretel*. We will compare similarities and differences across the stories as well as with alternative versions, such as *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*, and alternative formats, such as the pantomime version of *Sleeping Beauty*. Our learning will be enhanced through role-playing the different characters and re-enacting key scenes. Using a variety of punctuation and sentence types will also be a main focus, along with the key spellings for Year 2 and using resources to support us with these independently.

After half-term, we will continue to use drama to get into the mindset of Celts as well as write in a variety of formats, including instructions. We will also be focusing on using non-fiction books and texts to help us with research, as well as look in depth at poetry.

In maths, we will start off the Spring term with an introduction to telling the time and a recap on place value. We will then move onto multiplication and division, which is our main focus for the half term. Through the use of objects, iPads, the outside environment, and written methods, the children will be learning their 2, 5, and 10 times tables. We will also explore the order of calculations, and whether this is the same across all the operations. After half-term we will look closely at 2D and 3D shapes before recapping our addition and subtraction strategies and number facts.

On Thursdays we are lucky enough to have the continued support of Rosemary Humphries who has been helping us with our art! We will be creating paintings, characters and scenes from fairy tales and later look at various forms of Celtic art.

Design Technology will have a focus on evaluating our work and making improvements. We will see if we can create our own straw houses that will withstand the mighty huff and puff of the Big Bad Wolf ('s hairdryer) and our Celtic tools.

Before half-term, we will be using our outdoor learning sessions to explore and discover the local history of our village and county. We will visit and compare our churches, the war memorial, and look at the changes that have taken place in Garboldisham over time by examining maps from different periods. After this, we will learn in depth about the Celts, comparing life back then to today, and focusing on the historical figure of Boudicca.

During ICT we will continue to develop our basic computing skills and in music we will be listening to, and thinking about, recorded music as well as singing our own. Rugby will take place on a Wednesday and Debbie will start pilates in P.E. on Thursday. Science will be inspired by *The Enormous Turnip* and we will be testing and observing different conditions plants need to grow. Throughout R.E. we will explore ideas of power throughout Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, and Hinduism, as well as learn about different religious leaders and the Easter story.

P.E. kits need to be in school all week, along with wellies. Homework tasks will be shared on a Monday, and our new class friend Lucky the Dalmatian (Barnaby Bear has gone off on an adventure!) will be sent home every Friday. Please don't hesitate to see Miss Evans, Carol or Paula if you have any questions or concerns; our door is always open!