



# Petersfield Church of England School

Curriculum Information

Elm Class, Autumn Term 2023

## Topic: Turrets and Tiaras



### English

This term we will be reading stories with a castle theme. Children will be learning to write sentences and retell short stories. We will learn how to write labels, lists and captions and write recounts and instructional texts. Our focus text will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Paper Bag Princess'. We will also be reading and writing poetry linked to our topic, Turrets and Tiaras.

In addition to this, we will continue to have daily phonics, handwriting, spelling or grammar sessions and guided group reading sessions.

### Science

This term our topic is 'The Human Body'. We will be learning how to correctly name, identify and draw parts of the human body. We will be focusing on our 5 senses in detail, identifying what our senses do. We will also be learning about animals need for survival. We will be looking at; mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and human and will be carrying out an identifying, grouping and classifying enquiry. We will be learning key terminology such as carnivore, omnivore and herbivore.

### Art & DT

We will look carefully at castles and will use our knowledge of their shapes, materials and textures to make repeating patterns and print designs. We will be creating our own portraits and will begin to use sketchbooks to enrich learning across the curriculum.

### Mathematics

In Maths this term we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction and geometry. We will begin the term by extending our understanding of place value by recognising, sorting, comparing, partitioning and identifying numbers. We will use a range of practical resources to help support the children's learning of key skills and understanding. The children will learn topics in-depth through a range of fluency, problem-solving and reasoning activities.



**Computing:** In computing, we will be revisiting E-Safety, finding out how to use technology safely and respectfully whilst keeping personal information private.

**PE:** To develop control of movements and practise aiming and throwing skills. In dance we will be performing action word movements and phrases.

**PSHE:** We will be developing classroom rules and building positive relationships in the class. We will be discussing what it feels like to be in a new situation and how to cope with new changes. We will develop our own 'safety circle' identifying our trusted adults.

### History and Geography

We will find out why castles were built on hills and become familiar with and use geographical physical features vocabulary. We will identify a number of UK cities, their castles and the land features surrounding them and create maps with simple keys. We will find out who built the first castles in Britain and why. We will explore the two types of castles built by the Normans and will learn about the lives of people who lived in medieval castles.

### RE

This term we will be learning about Christianity. Our big question is 'Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?'

We will also be celebrating harvest and making Christingles.

We will also be learning about Judaism. Our big question will be 'Why is learning to do good deeds so important to Jewish people?'

### Religious Literacy

Initially through the use of Bible stories, our goal is to increase pupils' RE literacy. Over the course of a week, pupils will hear, retell, explore and summarise a Bible story.

### Music

In Music we will be exploring sounds using our voices expressively. We will be developing skills of singing while performing actions, and create an expressive story.