

# TOWERS, TUNNELS AND TURRETS



We had a great trip to the Dragon's Castle. Thank you to the FOSM!



While we had a fantastic adventure over at the St Ninian's mobiles, we're glad to be back in school!



We had a fantastic, yet tiring, trip to the NSC to explore a range of sports games!

Welcome to the start of our second half term. As you can see, we have now finished our BOUNCE topic and are moving onto 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'.

We are super excited to explore this topic, which is Design and Technology based.

We are very lucky to have a student teacher with us from Edge Hill University. Mr Buck will be with us until February.

Miss Robertson and Miss O'Mahony.



Wednesday 6th November. We will be visiting Peel Castle. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and returning before lunch. Please ensure children are wearing weather appropriate clothing.

## GENERAL REMINDERS

Individual book changes are Monday and Friday. Guided Reading is Thursday. Please ensure children have their books in!

KS1 should be picked up from the playground at **3:25pm**. After **3:35pm**, children will be sent to the office to wait. They will need to be collected from there.

Don't forget to check out our Class Pages on the school website!  
<https://stmarys.sch.im>

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## LITERACY

Focus - Reported Speech and Letter Writing.

Our first piece of writing will be focused on Reported Speech. Through exploring the traditional fairy tale of 'Rapunzel', children will take on different character roles. We will work towards creating newspaper interviews of the different characters,

After this, we will be focusing on Letter Writing. We will be exploring the different features we need to include when writing a letter of complaint to the Board of Fairy Tales.

Children will continue with their phonic sessions and extra independent reading when possible.

## PE

Focus. - Defend and attack games; Balance and co-ordination.

We will explore a range of different 'tactics' to aid attacking/defending in team games, while also developing our ability to move over, under and through spaces and obstacles outdoors.

## SEAL

Focus - Getting on and Falling out.

This half term, we will be focusing on developing our skills in three key areas: empathy, managing feelings and social skills.

## MATHS

Focus - Addition and Subtraction, Money, Statistics.

We will be adding and subtracting numbers mentally and showing that the addition of two numbers can be done in any order, but subtraction cannot.

We will be exploring money to recognise and use the symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p). Through this, we will be finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amount of money.

We will learn to interpret simple pictograms, tally charts and tables. Through this we will be able to ask and answer questions based on the data.

Please continue with TimesTable Rockstars at home. Logins and passwords are recorded in Reading Records. .

## SCIENCE

Focus - Animals and their Habitats

This half term we will be looking at animals and their habitats. We will be classifying living and non living things. We will be looking at how animals adapt to suit their habitats. We will be investigating micro habitats in Noble's Park! Finally looking at food chains - producers and consumers.

If you have any books at home on animals and their habitats please bring them in to help us with our Science lessons.

Science will continue to be taught each week by Mrs Martin and Mrs Edwards.

## TOPIC

Focus - Towers, Tunnels and Turrets.

See the castle ahead? Get ready to invade its mighty walls! Head across the drawbridge, over the moat and up to the top of the tower.... Meet Rapunzel who lives in a tall, tall tower. Lets build a brand new one! Whose is the tallest? Finally, meet three little pigs who need your help to build a strong fortress. Inside its strong walls they'll be safe from the big, bad wolf!