



**COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY**

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

**Pendragon Class
Y1/2**

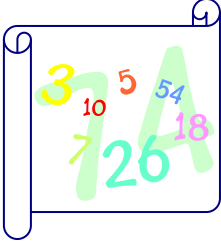
Term

Spring 2024

**Dear Parents,
Welcome Back! This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.**

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In English, the children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge, working on phase 5, as well as develop their spelling of the year 1 and 2 high frequency words. Weekly spelling tests will support the children with their learning of both of these. This term, the children will focus on correctly using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks and conjunctions in their writing. Their learning will be embedded through both fiction and non-fiction writing. Class texts this term include the fairy stories 'The Three Little Pigs', 'The Princess and the Pea' and 'Cinderella'.
Mathematics	Our focus for maths in the spring term will be to develop place value knowledge; to learn how to calculate using multiplication and division; common fractions such as halves and quarters and calculations involving money. As part of our maths lesson the children will continue to develop fluency in these areas, before applying this knowledge in a range of reasoning and problem solving skills. Year 1 children will also begin their Mental Maths Olympics this term.
Science	We have two topics in science this term. We will begin with 'Materials', where the children will be learning about what materials are and how materials are different and their uses. They will use their observational skills to gather and record data to help them answer questions. Our second science focus will be looking at animals around the world and how animals adapt to the environment in which they live. In addition, the children will take part in Environmental Education lessons during the first half term.
PSHE	Our PSHE topics for this term cover keeping ourselves safe and understanding our rights and responsibilities. Year 1: I can say what I can do if I have strong, but not so good feelings; how I keep myself healthy; when medicines might be harmful; how I look after myself and my environment; some ways that we look after money. Year 2: Safe and unsafe secrets; safe people; safe touching; safe medicines; safe feelings; how I feel settled and calm in the classroom.
Geography	In geography we will be using atlases to locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Linking with our science topic of animals around the world, we will be looking at hot and cold climates of the world and the animals that live in these areas.
History	Our topic this term is Kings, Queens and Castles. The children will be introduced to some of the most famous and significant kings and queens of England from King William I to King Charles III. They will also identify some features of castles and what they were used for as well as learning about which palaces and castles were significant to some kings and queens.
RE	In RE we will be learning about Hinduism, specifically their beliefs around dharma and some key deities in the Hindu religion. We will be exploring stories to support our understanding of key Hindu beliefs.
D & T + Art	In Art, the children will be learning about line drawing, painting and modelling linked with our castles theme. They will explore the work of the Bayeux tapestry and use line drawing to recreate parts of it, they will also create artwork in the cubist style of Paul Klee.
PE	In Pendragon, we will have weekly PE lesson led by Mr Bunter. We will be learning to work safely and cooperatively, to work with a partner or in a group. The children will also have weekly swimming lessons to develop their water awareness which commence on 8th January 2024.

Homework



MATHS

In Pendragon Class, Year 2 will continue to use Mental Maths Olympics Ladder to support with developing their number bond and times tables fluency. Year 1 children will also start their Mental Maths Olympics this term. These will be sent home on a Friday and children will be tested on the following Wednesday.



SPELLING

Your child will bring home a list of spellings on Friday, which they will need to complete across the week. Spellings are handed back in on a Wednesday, the children are tested on their spelling homework on Friday. Our spellings will link with the phonics sounds that we are learning in class.



READING

Year 1 children will be reading three times a week in their reading groups. Their books will be sent home with them on Friday, to be returned on the following Monday. Children have access to the school library to select other titles to read during the week, or you can access the Little Wandle eBooks. Year 2 children will continue to take their reading books home during the week, we recommend you listen to your child read at least 4 times a week. Please record in their reading record when you have listened to them read.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ◆ P.E is on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Swimming lessons start on Monday 8th January 2024 for Pendragon and run for six weeks.
- ⇒ Please can you make sure your child's jumper, coat, water bottle, lunch box, snack box and PE kit is named to avoid any confusion in the classroom.
- ⇒ Please can all children's reading records and book be in school each day.
- ⇒ Please can Year 1 children ensure their reading record and book is returned to school each Monday.
- ⇒ Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions by contacting the school office or by talking to us at the end of the school day.

Thank you so much - The Pendragon team. 😊