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## Welcome back to Spring 2!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school everyone and spring term 2. I hope you have enjoyed your half term break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In class 2 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning so far. This half term our topic is Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework and spelling lists will continue to be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning. Reading books will continue in line with our phonics programme. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

We are continuing our daily phonics lessons, please ensure children are at school to start these lessons at 8:45am. You will continue to receive phonics books daily too. Once again please return these to school each day.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

Rebecca Aspinall

# Towers, Tunnels and Turrets



Climbing the battlements or tunnelling in the ground, there's a whole world of adventure and fun to be found!

This term, we will visit a real castle to explore the towers, battlements and maybe a secret tunnel or two! We'll learn all about the different parts of a castle and describe how they have changed over time. Using a wide range of materials, we'll build models of castles and test the strength of our structures. We'll learn the stories of *Rapunzel*, *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and create models inspired by them. Maps and photographs will help us learn about the tallest buildings and the longest tunnels in the world. We'll find out about the amazing Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and improve our PE skills by playing attacking and defending games.

At the end of our project, we'll have so much to share! We'll display our amazing structures and share our knowledge in a special question and answer session.

ILP focus	D&T
English	Recounts, reported speech, stories, letters, posters
D&T	Making models of towers, bridges and tunnels
Art & design	Sculpture using natural materials
Computing	Create castles using drawing software
Geography	Amazing structures around the world, towers and bridges in the local area
History	Castles and castle life, significant individuals – Isambard Kingdom Brunel
Mathematics	Measures (height)
PE	Defending and attacking games, balance and co-ordination
PSHE	Dilemmas
Science	Living things and their habitats, use of everyday materials

## Help your child prepare for their project

Towers, tunnels and turrets are everywhere! Why not visit a skyscraper, big wheel or tower? Look at the materials the structure is made of to decide why the materials were chosen. You could also use blocks or stones to create tall towers. How high can you go? Alternatively, play Jenga together and see if you can work out how to make the tower stay strong, even when you have removed some of the blocks!