

ST LAWRENCE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5

Spring Term 2019

Predators and Prey
(1st Half)

A Knight's Tale (2nd Half)





Literacy

To start the term, our key text will be 'The Spider and The Fly'. We will explore different poetic forms and develop our own fables, based on prior reading of well-known versions. After half term, our stunning start to 'A Knight's Tale' will immerse the children in the life and times of knights and maidens. We'll explore the legend of St George and the Dragon, culminating in the children producing their own legend. They will use research skills to discover life as a knight. Our fabulous finish will be our DT day, making drawbridges.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will continue to practise the formal written methods for each operation, applying these to solve worded problems. The children will also develop their understanding of calculating with fractions, square and cube numbers, and converting between units of measure. Later in the term, we will be investigating medieval mathematical dilemmas led by the redoubtable Sir Cumference. These quests will rely on geometric and measuring skills.

Science

Our focus will be living things and their habitats, comparing humans against plants. In the second half of the term, we will be examining the natural world and the lifecycles of various species. (You will receive a letter about your child's sex education programme.)



Geography

Whilst learning about predators and prey, the pupils will conduct field work, identifying habitats. We will also explore geographical features of predators around Europe. Whilst learning about 'A Knight's Tale', we will be considering reasons for the settlement and development of various sites and assessing the impact of developments on natural habitats.



History

The children will discover how castles changed over centuries and how knights prepared for battles. They will develop their use of historical terms and construct informed responses that involve selecting and organising historical information.



PSHCE

This will be taught through our school values by considering responsibilities and rights at home, school and in the community.

Computing

In Computing, we will be creating, editing and searching databases using Junior Viewpoint. Later in the term, the children will design and produce knight 'Top Trump' cards using Microsoft Publisher.

DT

All castles need a drawbridge - ours will be no exception! To end our 'A Knight's Tale' topic, children will work in teams to design and create model replicas of a working drawbridge.

Art



Our artist focus will be Escher and we will reproduce sketches in his style. After half term, we will learn different ways of making and decorating a simple pot from clay.

RE

In RE, we will describe links between Bible stories and other aspects of communities. During our 'A Knight's Tale' topic and linking with the Crusades, the children will further their understanding of the challenges of commitment to a community of faith.

PE and Swimming

For the first half term, our focus will be choreographing a spider and fly dance. After half term, we will be developing skills in net games. This will replace indoor PE on our usual Friday afternoon. Swimming will continue throughout the term.

PE days are as follows:

Pine: Monday - swimming, Thursday - dance

Beech: Monday - swimming, Tuesday - dance

Hornbeam: Tuesday - dance, Friday - swimming

French

Le Chateau Hanté will be our focus through which the children will learn to name rooms and describe them in French.



Music

We will be listening to a range of music and discussing emotion and effect. For 'A Knight's Tale' we will compose a fanfare for a knight. Our genre in focus for this term will be Blues.

Important Dates for the Term

Monday 14 January	School clubs begin
Wednesday 16 January	8.50 St Lawrence Hub coffee morning
Tuesday 5 February	9.00 Governors' AGM for parents
Tuesday 22 January	Fire engine visit
Tuesday 12 February	7.00 Maths curriculum evening
Wednesday 13 February	9.10-10.10 Maths curriculum morning
Monday 25 February	10.00 Indoor cricket at The Triangle
Friday 1-Thursday 7 March	3.15 Book fair
Monday 4 March	10.00 Indoor cricket at The Triangle
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day (dress up)
Tuesday 12 March	5.30-8.00 Parent consultations
Thursday 14 March	3.30-5.30 Parent consultations
Wednesday 20 March	8.50-9.15 Stay and share for parents
Friday 29 March	School clubs finish
Wednesday 3 April	3.15 PTA Easter egg hunt

Thank you for your continued support with learning at home tasks! Please remind your child to read daily at home.