



## Autumn Term 2024 – Powis Castle

### Castell Powis



This term our new topic will be 'Powis Castle'. Planning for this topic will stem from the pupil's ideas and our pupil voice discussions.

#### Literacy, Language and Communication

Each day we will learn daily letters and sounds in phonics, reading and handwriting. To encourage the children's oracy skills, they will have opportunities to partake in regular role-play opportunities. The children will also have the opportunity to share their homework as well as any other news they have on a Monday morning.

The children will listen to a wide variety of topic themed fiction and non-fiction books that will relate to our castles topic. In writing, we will cover a variety of different genres such as writing a descriptive poem when learning 'The Castle the King Built'. We will hold an exciting royal tea party and create invitations and posters to advertise Powis Castle. We will also write a recount about our trip! Please try your best to read as much as you can at home. This will benefit your child's reading greatly and support the work we are doing in school.

#### Numeracy

Over the Autumn term we will be working on our mental recall by learning our 2s, 5s and 10 x tables and our number bonds too. We will sing lots of exciting songs to help us learn them. Our first focus will be on place value and comparing and ordering numbers up to 100.

We will also be developing our problem-solving skills during our topic lessons, solving some exciting tasks and challenges! Some will include going on an exciting scavenger hunt around Powis castle and building our own Castle outdoors! We will also collect and sort a variety of data based on the things we find!

We will continue to develop our understanding of shape by going on a shape hunt around school to spot the 2D and 3D shapes. We will also learn about their properties and compare their similarities and differences.

The children will also have time to explore and develop their mathematical learning by accessing learning opportunities during Busy Bee time (continuous provision).

#### Welsh

In Welsh, the children will develop their oracy and reading skills. During this term, children will have the opportunity to bring home a Welsh book to explore. Every day, we will continue with incidental Welsh including counting, colours, weather and commands. We also do daily 'Helpwr Heddiw' questions where the children practice their question-and-answering skills in Welsh. We will also be introducing and using new vocabulary linked to our Welsh topic – All about me.

#### How can you help?

You can support your children at home, by talking about their learning in school, **listening to them read daily and helping them to learn their tricky words and sounds**. Remember the children can also access a range of online resources. As always, we will be keeping you up to date through Class Dojo so please keep an eye out!

If you have any things that you no longer use at home, that could support this topic in the role play or small world, we would love to make use of them in class so please send them in.

*Please remember we are always here to  
answer any questions you may have.*



## Expressive Arts



This term we will be experimenting with different materials and resources to make our own crown to wear to our royal tea party! We will also be creating some artwork based on various castles we research and find. In Music, we will be learning a variety of songs to perform in the harvest festival and Christmas play. We will also get the opportunity to explore basic instruments, create our own songs and choreograph dances to perform for our friends!

As part of our topic work we will listen to music from the 13<sup>th</sup> century and compare it to music today.



## Health and Well-Being

We will have P.E lessons every week which will be on a Tuesday so please remember to come to school dressed in your P.E kit on that day. This term we plan to bake some royal bakes for the Hermitage care home and will continue to learn about Dementia and what can be done to help. Every Wednesday we will have forest school lessons whereby we will learn how to take and manage risks outdoors. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing on this day.



We will also be continuing with our Dina school sessions by using our puppets 'Wally and Dina' to learn about social stories and scenarios. We will focus on solving real life problems, how to manage different emotions, how to be a good friend and much more!



## Humanities



Our topic will focus on various aspects of history including learning about the history of kings and queens. We will learn about Queen Elizabeth and make our own queen and king model/picture. We will also learn about the royal family and make our own royal family tree.

In Religious Education we will learn about 'What makes people special', the creation story and the meaning behind Christmas. We will also cover various festivals such as Diwali and harvest.



## Science and Technology

As part of our Science lessons we will build our own Powis castle out of various materials and learn about 'What makes a strong structure?'

We will be using our creative skills to design and make our own shield and coat of arms. This will include our hobbies and interests.

We will continue with our Eaware lessons on internet safety and how to keep ourselves safe online, starting by learning what makes a strong password and the importance of time spent online.

In ICT, we will use Minecraft to build our own Powis castle and will code the Spheros to solve exciting missions! We will continue to use HWB to practise our typing skills, paint pictures, show data & create animations too.

