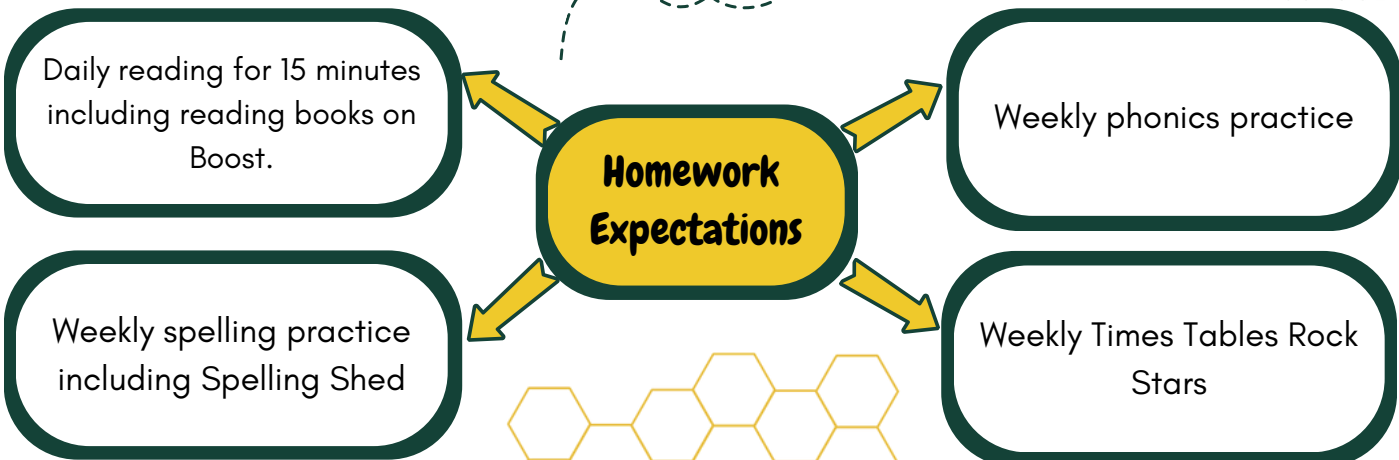


# Year 2 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

## Autumn Term 2 2025



**BASSETT GREEN**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Home learning project

Year 2 Autumn 2 Home Learning Project

How to be a historian!



**BE A HISTORIAN**

Next term, our topic will be 'Castles'. We would like you to research different castles and find out about the features and why they were used in castles. Then use this knowledge to make a 3D model of a castle to show what you have learnt.

Here are some key questions:

- What materials are used in the castles?
- What features do they have?
- How are the features used? e.g a draw bridge

Here are some examples for you:



Please bring your home learning project into school by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
All homework that is returned will receive 25 house points!

**Big Question:**  
Is it always possible to show courage?

**Overarching Spiritual Theme:**  
Courage

### Key Dates for Year 2:

Portchester Castle trip – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Home learning project due – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas festivities – tbc

### PE Days

PE days change each week. Therefore PE kits need to be in school every day.



## Reading

### Key skills we will develop are:

- Reading common exception words
- Rereading a sentence to check that we understand it
- Using the book to answer retrieval questions
- Making inferences about what is happening in the book
- Developing our understanding of vocabulary
- Make comparisons and links between books that they have read

We will be reading a range of books that are matched to the sounds that we are learning in Phonics.



## We will be reading



## Phonics:

We will be continuing to learn new sounds within sound families and spelling patterns.

## Writing

**Outcome 1:** Recount  
**Audience:** Parents  
**Purpose:** To recount events

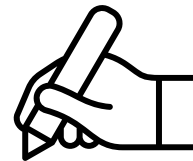
**Outcome 2:** Character description  
**Audience:** Authors of the texts  
**Purpose:** To describe

**Outcome 3:** Letter  
**Audience:** Princess Elizabeth  
**Purpose:** To apologise

**Outcome 4:** Narrative story  
**Audience:** Peers  
**Purpose:** To entertain

### Key skills we will develop are:

- Using capital letters, word spaces, full stops in every sentence
- Using 'and', 'but', 'so', 'because' to join clauses
- Using expanded noun phrases and adjectives
- Using past and present tense

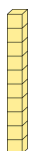
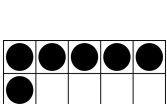


## Maths

### Numbers within 100

#### Key skills we will develop are:

- Read, write, represent, partition, compare and order numbers to 100
- Explore patterns including, odds and evens, tens and ones



Tens	Ones

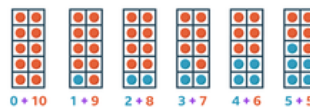


## Maths

### Addition and Subtraction of 2-digit numbers

#### Key skills we will develop are:

- Apply number bonds to add and subtract
- Represent and explain addition and subtraction of two 2-digit numbers
- Add three 1-digit numbers



# Foundation Subjects

## Science:

Animals including humans  
Offspring which grow into adults, basic needs for survival (water, food and air), importance for humans to exercise, eating different foods and hygiene.



## PSHE:

Relationships  
Families and friendships  
Safe relationships  
Respecting ourselves and others



## Art:

Sculpture  
Design and make castle parts using clay and considering pattern and form



## RE:

Golden Thread: Community  
Christmas  
Christian faith traditions



## Talk through stories:

We will be reading a range of quality stories that are linked to our topic 'Castles'

## Computing:

E-safety: Online Relationships  
Digital Literacy: Digital Writing  
Developing typing skills linked to castles



## History:

Local History Study: Castles  
Portchester Castle



## Music:

Dynamics  
Creepy Castle  
Changes of dynamics, percussion instruments using dynamics



## PE:

Hit, Catch, Run  
Striking and fielding games

Dance  
Traditional dance



# How can you help your child at home?

## Reading – Recommended reads

Reading is an essential skill that children must develop so that they can access the whole curriculum at school and beyond. We are passionate about ensuring that children have a love of reading and practise reading from a variety of places e.g. books and websites.

We recommend that children read the following books linked to our topic 'Castles'. We would love to hear what the children think of the stories!

- The Knight who said no! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q8vO2pbrGg>
- Winnie and Wilbur - The Naughty Knight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=097wfClN2wc>
- The Knight who wouldn't fight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZVWYo2waL4>



## Computing

In Computing, children will be learning about digital writing. They will learn how to use a keyboard to type their ideas and how to edit their text.

To support your child you can:

- Practise recognising the capital letters on a computer keyboard. Your child could practise writing the letters on paper.
- Practise typing at home if you have a laptop, tablet or computer.
- Practise spelling common exception words.

This website has some good activities to develop typing skills:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr#zn9s3qt>



## History

In History, children will be learning about castles. They will learn about the features of a castle, including different rooms and how they would defend against enemies. They will explore how castles changed over time, ready for their trip to Portchester Castle.

To support your child you can:

- Visit the local library to see if they have information books about castles to support developing their knowledge
- Support them in completing their home learning project – creating their own castle

