

# Southill Primary School

Year Two: Spring Term 2020

## Towers, tunnels and turrets

See the castle ahead? Get ready to invade its mighty walls! Shoot a projectile with an archer's aim! Head across the drawbridge, over the moat and up to the top of the tower. Meet Rapunzel who lives in a tall, tall tower. Let's build a brand new one. Whose is the tallest? Can you measure it? Then dig deep, deep down, making burrows and tunnels, just like the animals who live underground. What's that sound? I hear little hooves going trip, trap, trip, trap, over the rickety bridge. Watch out for the angry troll underneath. He likes to gobble up little girls and boys! Make sure your bridge is sturdy enough to take our weight and get us safely to the other side. And finally, meet three little pigs who need your help to build a strong fortress. Inside its strong walls they'll be safe from the big, bad wolf! No huffing and puffing will blow your fortress down!

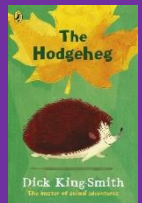
As **mathematicians**, we'll be learning all about fractions. We'll be learning to recognise, find, name and write  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity as well as writing simple fractions e.g.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$  and recognise the equivalence of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{4}$ . We will then be identifying, describing and comparing 2D and 3D shapes.



As **writers**, we will be learning more about the features and purpose of information texts. We will use talk for writing techniques to learn and innovate an information text about an imaginary planet and then use this to plan and write our own information texts about castles and other places. Later in the term we will be learning about the features and purpose of instructions, writing our own set of instructions.

As **readers**, we'll enjoy 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King Smith. Max the hedgehog lives across the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across.

His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodgehog. Will Max ever make it to the other side?



As **historians**, we'll be taking a visit to Corfe Castle to learn about its history. We'll learn about the important parts of castles and compare castles through the ages. As **geographers**, we'll be looking at and comparing towers, tunnels and bridges around the world. As **designers**, we'll be thinking about the purpose and structure of these constructions and we'll build and test our own!