

Art/DT

Castles gives us a great opportunity for a big design and technology project! We will be designing, making and evaluating our own carriages and catapults. This will include looking at famous designers, using our drawing skills and thinking practically about how to use different materials.

Music

In Music, Mrs Caswell will continue to play a range of music to the children, linking to our topic. The children will explore rhythm and play a variety of musical instruments.

ICT

Within our ICT lessons this term we will be focusing on coding, a new and exciting area of the curriculum. We will also be learning how to stay safe online.

Science

Within our science lessons this term we will be learning about plants. We will be sorting different types of seeds and thinking about how these seeds travel and disperse. Then, we will be looking at how these seeds grow into plants and what conditions seeds need to grow. We will be using the scientific skills of observing, comparing and monitoring. We welcome any home grown plants or pictures of gardening in school!



Castles and Catapults



English

Our English lessons will link into our topic, and give us a chance to apply our castles knowledge. We are starting by reading King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table recapping our core writing skills. We then move on to writing a non-chronological report all about the features of castles. This will help us answer our key question: *How do you invade a castle?* A step by step guide will be coming to you soon. After this our focus will return back to fiction where we will be looking at twisted fairy tales!

Maths

To start our term off we will be recapping place value-partitioning numbers, into different combinations. We will then be looking at applying what we know about adding and subtracting two digit numbers to word problems. We will then move onto mental calculation and estimation. These will help us to become quicker in our maths skills. Also, we will continue to practise our multiplication and division skills; as these are vital to many areas of maths. Finally, we will recap our fractions, as these can be tricky!

History/Geography

This term will have more of a historical focus including the features of a castle, why they were built, who lived there and how they fitted into Norman society. We will also be focusing on Reading Abbey and Henry I for our local history study. We will also look at the physical geography aspect of where castles are located and the reasons for these.

PE/Games

In outside PE we will focus on athletics. This includes running, jumping and catching. Please ensure your child has the right kit as we will be on the field, regardless of

RE

This term in RE we will be learning about Judaism. Our big question will be 'How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?'

PSHE

This term's Jigsaw theme is called 'Relationships'. We will first learn that there are different types of families. Then we will be looking at friendships, learning how to resolve conflicts.