

Theme
Castle Attack!

Our theme for this term is Castle Attack, which will focus on castle settlements around the UK and their history. After an introduction into why castles were built and the different types, we will investigate where in the UK castles can be found. We will learn about using 6 figure grid referencing too. This will allow us to consider land use and the physical features of the land and how this was used to an advantage.

English

During English this term, we will be looking at the work of William Shakespeare, with a particular focus on Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet. We will be writing stories; newspaper articles and play scripts. We will also have opportunities to write a balanced discussion and will be describing key historical features using persuasive techniques to promote a chosen castle.

Mathematics

We will continue to learn about the topic of fractions. It is vital that children are secure with this concept in order for them to apply their skills for future work on percentages and ratio and proportion. These skills will then be used to reason and explain their thinking and solve multi-step problems deciding which methods to use and why.

We will begin work on measurement, looking at area and perimeter and volume. We will also look at recognising different types of angles and how to measure them accurately.

Creative Arts



Art - We will be looking at work created by the abstract artist, Paul Klee, particularly his artwork called "The Lines", which we will compare to the work of Pollock and Kandinsky. We will look at other pieces such as "Castle and Sun" and will be trying different techniques to recreate it, such as printing and collage.

Music - We will be working on our instrumental skills, playing instruments by reading simple note notation and creating group performances. We will also be improvising melodic phrases in pairs and groups.

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Computing
e-Safety and presenting

All of our work is underpinned by our understanding how to stay safe when using the internet.

Linked to our topic, we will be selecting, using and combining a variety of software. We will collect, analyse, evaluate and present data and information on a range of digital devices.

Science - Light and Animals including Humans

This term's topics are Electricity and Animals including Humans. Children will be finding out about how we make and represent circuits and also how circuits can be altered to change bulb brightness. As part of our Animals including Humans topic we will look at the human circulatory and digestive systems and the impact of a healthy lifestyle on our bodies.

Home Learning

Homework will be set on a Friday, to be returned by the following Friday. Spellings will be learnt at home and tested in school every Friday. Please encourage your child to access Bug Club for reading and TT Rockstars for times tables practice. Maths homework will also be accessible online via EdShed too.

Over February half term, we will be setting a small scale castle building homework project.

Save the Date!

SATs Workshop—TBC
Trip to Warwick Castle— TBC

French

We will work to build our vocabulary and conversational French about family.

P.E

P.E lessons will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct indoor and outdoor kits in school at all times. We will be working on gymnastics and sports that involving batting and fielding.

This term we will continue to go swimming on Friday afternoons. This is to ensure that children can swim competently, confidently and proficiently using a range of strokes and perform safe self-rescue.

PSHE

Belonging to a community; Valuing diversity; challenging discrimination and stereotypes. We will learn what prejudice and discrimination means and how to differentiate between them. We will learn about how to recognise acts of discrimination and learn strategies to safely respond to and challenge. We will find out about how to recognise stereotypes in different contexts and the influence they have on attitudes and understanding of different groups of people.

RE

Beliefs and actions in the world: Can Christian Aid, Khalsa Aid and Islamic Relief change the world? We will learn about the work of major faith based charities such as, Islamic Relief, Khalsa Aid and Christian Aid. We will develop our understanding of the impact of religion in the world and consider important questions of justice. We will have opportunities to develop attitudes and opinions of our own and to consider key beliefs and teachings in Islamic, Sikh and Christian traditions.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

We will be working towards the completion of our Year 6 Cultural Capital Journey. There is a copy of the events and activities we will be completing in our planners. This term we will focus on 'Expressing Ourselves', taking part in drama activities and taking part in debates.

We will also be involved in regular sessions to discover activities that promote our positive wellbeing.

Technology

Design Technology - We will be completing a mini STEM project that will involve making catapults to storm the walls of neighbouring castles!