



Towers, Turrets, Tiaras

KS1 Autumn Term 1

Topic Overview

This half term the children will be diving into our wonderful theme Towers, Turrets, Tiaras where we will find out about significant Kings and Queens of our past and present. One of the highlights of the half-term will be our trip to the historic Rockingham Castle in Northampton where the children will have the opportunity to explore a real life castle and find out about what life was like in a castle a long time ago. The children will also create their own junk model castle with moving parts and we will hold an exhibition to show them to parents/carers and celebrate the end of our topic.

Subject Focus





History

Design Technology

Programmes of Study

English	<p>We will cover the following genres of writing within our learning experiences this half-term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Tales (fairy-tales) • Information Text <p>Grammar focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence punctuation: full-stop, exclamation mark and question mark • Adjectives and conjunctions
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and Place Value • Addition and Subtraction • Money • Multiplication
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the structure and purpose of castles • Compare life in different periods (castle life and now) • Study the life of significant individuals – William the Conqueror and Queen Elizabeth II • Use printed sources, photographs, artefacts and visits as evidence about the past
Design Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to develop, plan and communicate ideas • Design a castle • Use a range of tools, equipment and materials to make a castle with a moving mechanism • Evaluate the design and end outcome
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and name a variety of everyday materials • Think about properties of materials and know why an object is made from a particular material • Plan a scientific enquiry to investigate materials
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medieval Music – This term our music is taught by Music Hub
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Multi-skills
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use technology purposefully to manipulate and retrieve digital content. • Use technology safely and respectfully. • To create a castle using shapes in the paint program. • To know how to be safe on the internet.
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing our school values Nurture and Thankfulness • Solving problems • Exploring Feelings • Keeping calm

Spirituality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we belong to? • How do people belong to the Christian community? • How do Christians use their places of worship? • What does it mean to belong to a Jewish family? • How do Jews use their synagogues?
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Curriculum Enrichment 	Home Learning 
<p>Visit to Rockingham Castle</p> <p>Medieval Castle Dance taught by PE coach and presented to KS1</p> <p>Make a model day and exhibition</p>	<p>Reading – read with your child and sign their reading record every day where possible!</p> <p>Mental maths – counting forwards and backwards in ones up to one hundred (Y1). Count on and back in twos, fives and tens (Y2) (Try threes for an extra challenge!)</p> <p><u>To begin next week:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Phonics and weekly spellings -Help at home ideas to reinforce the week’s learning -Please start collecting junk modelling materials to help us make castle models later in the half-term e.g. kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes.
Reminders 	What you can do at home?
<p>PE kits must remain in school all week. The children will participate in two PE lessons a week.</p> <p>Water bottles are welcomed in the classroom. These should only contain water and must be labelled. Children will bring these home daily.</p>	<p>Visit the library and find books about castles to support your child to engage in their learning and find out some interesting facts! You can also read fairy-tales at home and notice similarities from one book to another e.g. once upon a time, good and bad characters, they all lived happily ever after.</p> <p>Visit a shop and/or play shop games at home encouraging your child to use adding and subtracting for a purpose. E.g. Add two small totals and use subtraction for finding change.</p>
Diary Dates 	
<p>Wednesday 18th September – Open morning for parents</p> <p>Thursday 26th September – Phonic Workshop for EYFS/KS1 Parents/Carers 3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>Monday 7th October – visit to Rockingham Castle</p> <p>Monday 14th October – junk modelling resources to come into school for Castle model day</p> <p>W/C Monday 14th October – Parent’s Evening</p> <p>Wednesday 16th October – Whole school Harvest service at 9.00am in the hall</p> <p>Friday 18th October – Model Castle Exhibition</p>	