

# Castles

## RE

RE will focus on the Christian festival of Easter. The children will look at the different special days that lead up to the celebration. They will look at how Christians celebrate these days and how they relate to the Easter story.

## History

What were homes like a long time ago? What were the different types of castles?

The children will learn about motte and bailey and stone castles. They will learn about the different parts of a castle and their features. We will also think about how a castle was defended and the different weapons used to attack! The children will think about what life was like as a knight and what it was like to live in castle.

A visit to Alnwick Castle will help bring the topic to life!

## PSHCE

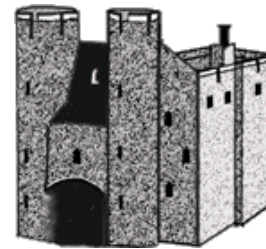
In PSHCE, we will explore the idea of fair and unfair, being proud of the achievements we make, the feeling of jealousy and how we can overcome this as well as discussing the importance of always telling the truth.

## Art

In art the children will design a range of shields using given colours to represent the qualities of a knight. They will create a large version of their chosen shield. This will be linked to our Maths work about Sir Symmetry. Using charcoal we will create observational drawings of Alnwick castle, adding to the sketches we complete there. The children will also make tiles on our visit, painting them when we return to school.

## Research Project

As part of our You and Me task, the children will be asked to use the research skills they have learnt in school to learn more about a castle of their choice. It could be a local castle or a famous castle from somewhere in the world. More details in You and Me books.



## Geography

We will be looking at castles from our region, as well as the UK and the world. As part of their Castle project children will be asked to find out about a castle of their choice.

## ICT

The children will recap over how to use the Internet safely. They will use given websites to find out about castles. They will use this information to create a booklet about Castles.

The children will be using the Literacy work to create a talking book using Photo Story 3. They will add titles and tell the story using microphones.

## DT

The children will plan, make and evaluate a model castle. They will investigate different methods of joining materials together and how a hinged joint can be made. Through making the model castle the children will learn about the different parts and features of a castle.