

History

Have you ever wondered what life was like long ago? This half term, we will learn all about castles! We will compare Motte and Bailey castles, stone castles and concentric castles to learn how castles have changed over time. We will also think about how a castle was defended and the different weapons used to attack. The children will explore life as a knight and what it was like to live in castle. We will bring our learning to life by acting out the Battle of Hastings and visit Alnwick Castle to learn all about local knight, Harry Hotspur!

DT

The children will design, make and evaluate their very own model castle. They will investigate different methods for 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. The children will need a box and cardboard tubes, and anything else they plan into their designs. Why not start collecting now?

Geography

We will be looking at castles from our region, as well as the rest of the UK and beyond. We will be looking at the geographical features that castles use to protect themselves, e.g. hills and rivers. We will be taking an exciting visit to Alnwick Castle in order to consolidate our learning.

Computing

The children will create a fairy tale using 2Simple software. We will recap how to stay safe online, and we will use Word to label the features of a castle, experimenting with font size, style and colour.

RE

The children will be given an introduction to key Christian beliefs and practices. We will think about the importance of worship, and why Sunday is a special day for Christians. We will also look at important celebrations that happen in the church, such as weddings and communion. Children will have the opportunity to act out these events to develop their understanding.



Role Play

Our role play area will be themed around medieval castles. We will dress up, hold banquets in the Great Hall and defend our castle! This will help us to understand life long ago.

Music

We will continue to use Charanga this half term. The children will be finding out about different dimensions of music including melody, rhythm, pulse and pitch using a range of songs.

Spanish

We will be learning the Spanish words needed for a picnic and also how to buy an ice cream - just in time for Summer!

PSHE

We will be looking at a guide to daily happiness by learning how to 'Fill a Bucket.' We aim to be daily bucket fillers by being kind, considerate people! We will continue to think about being good friends and having 'No Outsiders' at Archibald by sharing the story 'My World.'

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