

History

What were homes like a long time ago? What were the different types of castles? The children will learn about Motte and Bailey castles, 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.

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 large box and cardboard tubes, and anything else they need from their designs. Why not start collecting now?

Geography

We will be looking at castles from our region, as well as the UK and the world. We will be looking at geographical features that castles use to protect themselves, e.g. hills and rivers. We will be making a visit to Alnwick castle in order to consolidate our learning.

Computing

The children will create a talking book using Book Creator. They will add titles, pictures and record their own voice to tell the story. We will continue to recap how to stay safe when using technology.

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.



Role Play and Visits

Our role play areas will be themed around medieval castles. We will dress up, hold banquets in the great hall and defend our castle. We will be visited by a medieval lady called Matilde who 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 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!

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