

English

This term we will be reading, acting, retelling and writing fairy tales involving castles. One of the stories we will focus on will be Jack and the Beanstalk. Following our trip to Lewes castle we will recount what we saw, found out and enjoyed. After finding out about life in a castle we will write our own leaflets about castles. In our writing we will focusing on using capital letters and full stops accurately. When looking at sentences we will look at the function of nouns, verbs and adjectives. In our phonics we will be making sure we know all phonic sounds and alternative ways to spell these sounds e.g. ay, ai as well as reinforcing common words we will see in our reading books.

Science

First we will be thinking about the changing seasons and how animals, plants and weather is affected by this. Our Science will be complemented by our Forest Schools activities. We will enjoy using the outdoor environment to learn the names of common plants and trees. We will also begin to observe and classify natural materials in our school grounds. Next we will move on to looking at all materials. We will learn to name objects and the material they are made from.

Computing

Our focus this half term will be on combining text and graphics for different effect. We will be revising how to use the keyboard effectively as well as how to save, store and retrieve work safely. We will discuss and explore how text and graphics are commonly used beyond school to communicate information. We will use skills we have gained combining text and graphics to show what we have found out about castles.

RE/PSHE

As we begin our new school year we will be building up relationships within our new class. Our core school values will be explored through Assemblies and promoted in class. We will also work on these with our Buddies and within our colour teams. In our RE lessons we will begin to explore the stories of good and evil in the Bible We will consider the messages from these stories and what we can learn from them. This half term we will celebrate Harvest Festival which will involve learning songs, doing artwork and learning prayers thanking God for all we have.

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Knights and Castles

Trip to Lewes Castle
Forest Schools

PE

Our PE will be based on games this half term. We will be looking at how to follow instructions to play games fairly and effectively. Our ball skills will focus on improving our hand-eye coordination. We will explore key strategies for receiving a thrown ball. We will also be learning to apply these skills tactically when playing small team games.

Mathematics

We will be learning to read and write numbers to 20 in digits and words. When doing this we will be making sure we understand the value of these numbers (and larger ones) representing them with objects and pictures. We will be developing our counting skills by counting large amounts accurately and counting to/across 100 forwards and backwards and in steps of 2, 5, 10. Our focus addition and subtraction will be learning number bonds to 10 and 20. We will be adding and subtracting 1 digit numbers to 20, using our number bonds. Objects will be used to learn to group and share small amounts. Finally we learn how to recognise information in a simple way and read simple information from a tally chart/block graph

Humanities

This half term we will have a History focus, learning about the history of castles and what life was like in medieval castles. We will learn words related to these times and will identify similarities and differences between ways of life then and now. Looking at artefacts, books and our visit to Lewes Castle will help us understand ways in which we find out about the past. It will also help us to know about castle life within the locality. Children will use this information to create posters and leaflets about castle life.

Creative Arts

We will begin with some sketching skills, learning to create different marks to show lines and shapes. Next we will move on to looking at how castles are built in DT. We will learning about different joining techniques and how to build strong shapes using card. We will also look at hinge joints and will combine all we have learnt to design our own card castles, which we will complete next half term, In Music, we will find out about the orchestra and groups of instruments within it. The children will explore how instruments create different sounds based on the materials they are made from.