

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 focus on structuring our sentences accurately, thinking about the best choices of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Further grammar work will investigate how verbs change when writing in the past or present tense. In our spelling we will be revising the common words and sending spellings home to learn. When reading we will look at decoding two and three syllable words.

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 revisit 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 begin to explore and investigate properties of materials and how this effects their movement.

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 to think about the best combinations of text and graphics. We will use these ideas 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 characteristics of people in these stories and how we can apply these principles in our own lives. 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 reading and writing numbers to 100 in digits and words. When doing this we will be make sure we understand the value of these numbers. We will partition two digit numbers to see their value in terms of tens and units. When comparing and ordering numbers we will learn about the $<$, $=$ and $>$ signs. Our focus addition and subtraction will be applying our knowledge of adding/subtracting to 10/20 to solving calculations with larger numbers. When counting in steps of 2, 3, or 5 we will explore different start numbers and how this affects the counting pattern. Objects will be used to reinforce our learning of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Finally we learn how to interpret and construct simple information in 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 use and apply 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 consider ways in which we find out about the past. This will also help us to know about castle life within the locality. Children will use this information to create leaflets and guidebooks about castle life.

Creative Arts

We will begin with sketching skills, learning to create different marks to add detail to our sketches of natural objects. Next we will move on to looking at castles in DT. We will investigate joining techniques and creating 3D shapes using card, thinking about their effectiveness in creating a strong structure. We will also look at hinge joints, combining 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.