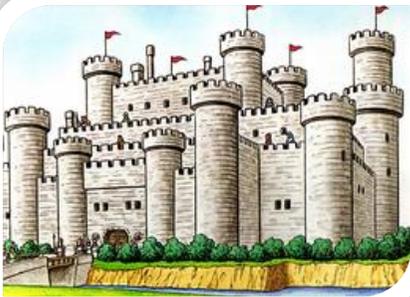


Castles and Dragons Year 2 - Autumn Term 2



Thematic Areas of Learning

As **Historians**, we will learn about castles and the people who lived in them. We will focus on Windsor Castle and explore how the castle has developed over time. We will learn about current and past inhabitants of Windsor Castle as well as learning about what life was like for those who lived in a castle in medieval times.

As **Scientists**, we will explore the properties of materials and how these properties indicate uses for these materials. We will explore ways of manipulating materials and what this can tell us about their properties. Finally, we will conduct an investigation to find the most appropriate material for a knight's cape.

As **Musicians**, we will explore music composed for royal events and how certain sounds and styles of music are chosen for these events in order to create mood and effect.

English

Narrative

We will be writing our own historical tale about a dragon taking inspiration from the book *George and the Dragon* by Chris Wormell.

Instructions

We will take on the role of a brave knight tasked with capturing a fierce dragon. Using drama, we will create a set of instructions for capturing any wandering dragons we may find!

Maths

Following the AET Maths scheme which follows the National Curriculum for Y2, this term we will be covering:

- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes including criteria for sorting shapes
- Symmetry
- Measures (length and mass)
- Money (recognising coins, solving problems involving money)
- Solving calculation problems (Addition and subtraction)

Religious Education

Why did God give Jesus to the world?

In this unit of work, the children will reflect on the Christmas story and the reasons for Jesus' birth. They will consider the Christian belief that God gave Jesus to the world in order to save/help it.

Art

We will explore different styles of portraiture, trying out different ways of representing ourselves using a variety of techniques and media.

Computing

We are Researchers

The children will research a topic safely, effectively and efficiently using a structured approach. They will present their findings using Power Point.

Physical Education

This term we will be focusing on Gymnastics

PE lessons will continue to take place on Fridays so please come to school wearing PE kit.

Handwriting

We will continue to refine our letter formation and introduce continuous cursive joins when appropriate. We will also consolidate capital letters.

PSHE

This term we will focus on accepting that everyone is different, work on standing up for ourselves, making new friends and celebrating our differences.

Character

We will consider the courage and strength of character needed to rule as a monarch. We will explore the sacrifices and dedication needed to perform this role well and how we can demonstrate the same characteristics.

Coaching

We will encourage each other to stand up for what is right and help everyone to make their voices heard in an inclusive way. We will challenge each other to improve our own creative work in PE, Art and Music

Communities

We will celebrate each other's interests, likes and dislikes and work on finding similarities as well as differences. We will explore the community that lived within a castle and how they each had an important role to play and how these roles worked in harmony.

Conservation

We will learn about how many castles have survived and are still lived in and others have become ruins. We will explore why this is, linked to our science work on materials and consider the importance of maintaining historical buildings.

Curiosity

We will ask questions about the past and explore how they can be answered. We will predict, test and investigate ideas in Science and carefully consider the implications of what we have learned.