

Autumn Term 2018

Our curriculum for this term is called 'Castles, Knights and Dragons'.

I hope that this topic will engage all the children in many different ways as it's woven into the various aspects of the curriculum.

English: The children will be reading well known fairy tales and learning about the features that need to be included so that they can write their own fairy tale.

We will compare traditional tales with modern stories such as 'The Princess and the Wizard'.

The children will also have daily phonic sessions and SPaG (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) activities.

We will also be implementing our new handwriting policy.

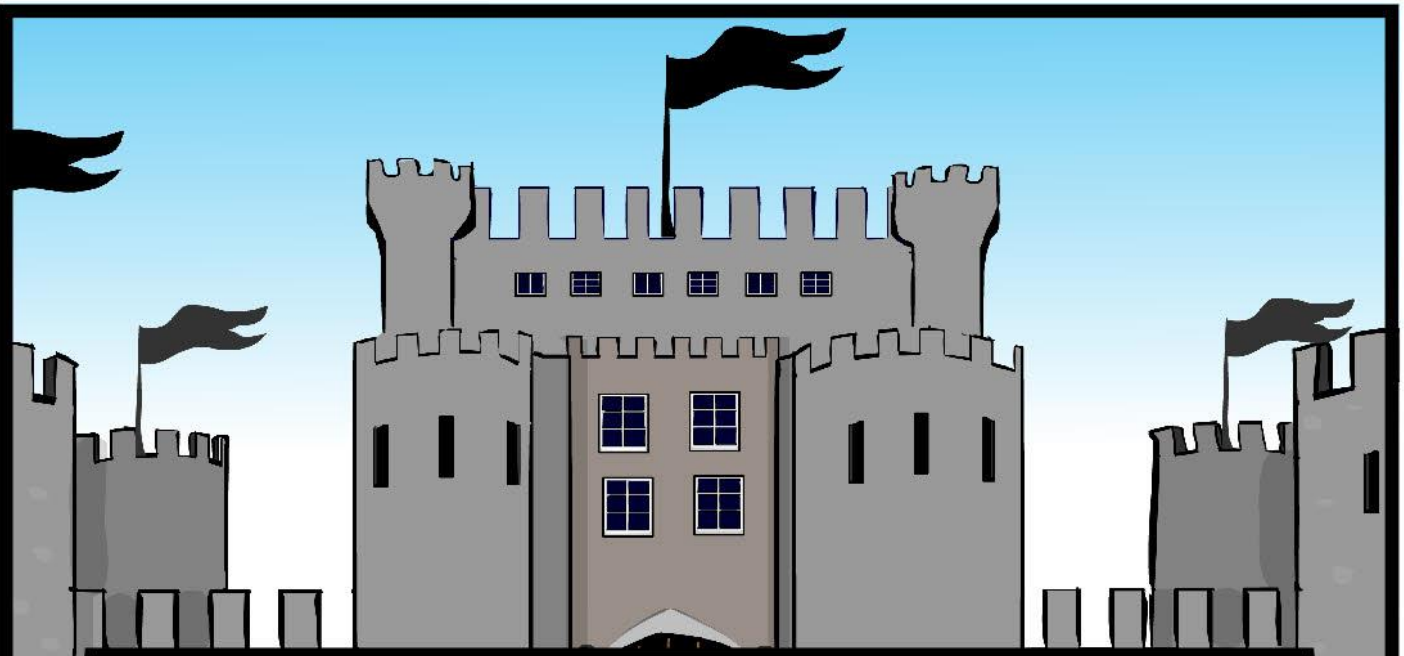
Maths: We will be embedding our Maths Mastery approach and covering the following areas this term: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Shape and Money. We will be using the painting 'Castle and Sun' by Paul Klee to explore number patterns and shape.

Science: Materials - The children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will link this to the materials that were used to build Norman castles and the reasons for the change, when stone began to be used instead of wood.

History: The children will learn about The Normans - William the Conqueror, The Battle of Hastings and the Bayeux Tapestry. We will look at Norman castles and how they were constructed to defend their land and what castle life was like for those living and working within a castle.

Geography: To explore the locations of significant castles around the world.

Why were castles built in a particular place?



Art & Design: To explore the painting 'Castle and Sun' by Paul Klee. The children will use shapes to recreate their own version of the painting. We will also be exploring techniques using pastels, watercolour paints, printing and collage to design our own shields, incorporating a personal coat of arms, to make a puppet of a fairy tale character and to design and make 3D castles with a working drawbridge.

RE: We will be learning about the 5 days of Diwali, which takes place in November. We will explore celebrations and new beginnings, the story of Rama and Sita, diyar lamps and Rangoli patterns. We will also learn about places of worship for different faiths.

PE: Mrs Morris will teach Gymnastics (Creating Shapes) and Dance (Medieval Dances) and Mrs Cains will teach Games (Throwing, Catching and Striking). We will be supported in our PE lessons by our Sports Teaching Assistant, Miss Andrews.

ICT: We will begin the term by looking at E-Safety and how we can use IT respectfully, keeping personal information private and what to do if something they see make them feel worried.

PSHCE: To think about themselves, to learn from their experiences, to recognise and celebrate their strengths and set simple but challenging goals. To continue to focus on our Growth Mindset approach by using the story of 'Austin's Butterfly' as inspiration.

