

Castles



Welcome back to Year 2. Our topic for the Spring Term is about 'Castles.' Our main focus will be History, looking at historical events and significant individuals, such as William the Conqueror.

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SCIENCE

We will be looking at what plants need to grow well and stay healthy. We will set up a plant investigation, observe it over time and record the findings. We will then explore the materials of what different objects are made from and look at whether they can bend, stretch, squash or twist. **Look at objects in your home – can you identify which material they are made from?**

LITERACY

In Literacy, we will be using a range of books to recognise the key features of a non-fiction text. We will be researching information about Castles and we will use our knowledge of non-fiction texts to organise information and present this in the style of a report. We will use our reading skills to gather information about William the Conqueror and we will become familiar with the key features of a news report. The children will then use their plans to write their own report. We will be reading both new texts and familiar texts to develop fluency and accuracy and we will be working on reading comprehension. We will also be continuing to practice our Year 2 common exception words. **What facts can you find out about William the Conqueror?**

MATHS

In Maths we will be recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2's, 5's and 10's times tables and we will also be looking at odd and even numbers. We will then explore length and height, measuring in centimetres and metres and we will compare, order and solve problems with all four operations. We will also look at mass and capacity, measuring in grams and kilograms and we will then introduce temperature towards the end of the half term. **Can you continue practicing your 2's, 5's and 10 times tables? Are you able to recite them? You could practice them with your grown up.**

PE

In PE we will explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus. We will develop gymnastic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing and travelling. We will also be exploring invasion games, where there are two teams and two goals. **Do you know any gymnastics shapes? Can you practice at home?**

GEOGRAPHY

We will be able to name and locate the four countries of the UK, name the capital cities and surrounding seas. We will also be looking at Warsop and making comparisons to other local areas. **Go for a walk around Warsop. Can you list the human and physical features?**

RE & CITIZENSHIP

As part of our RE curriculum we will be learning about the festival Passover. We will discuss the traditions and be able to recount the story. We will also remind ourselves of the Easter story and be able to explain why we celebrate this Christian festival. During Citizenship, we will discuss the word RESPECT, what it means and give examples of how to show respect to ourselves and others. We will also remind the children how to keep safe in familiar and unfamiliar environments. **Why is the cross significant to Christians? How could you find out?**

HISTORY

We will first look at Castles, their key features and what life used to be like. We will then use various sources to find out about William the Conqueror. We will gather information and ask and answer questions about William and the Battle of Hastings. We will look at the key events of The Battle of the Hastings and sequence them chronologically on a timeline. **Have you heard of the Bayeux Tapestry? Can you research it and see what it is?**

COMPUTING

The children will create simple algorithms (instructions) to create basic directions. We will then transfer this skill to write digital instructions and learn how to debug them (correct them). **Talk to your grown up about how to stay safe on the internet.**

ART

In Art we will learn about the famous artist William Morris. We will sketch and learn how to impress an image and then use ink and rollers to transfer our designs onto paper. **Who is William Morris? Can you research his work? Do you like it?**

We will be having a Medieval Day this half term on 4th April 2025 details will follow shortly.