

This half term in Woodpeckers it is all about... CASTLES.

This half term our theme is 'Castles', where we are learning will be stuffed to the battlements, inspiring your little lords and ladies. They will learn about the history of medieval castles and the part the Normans played in this, where castles were built, who lived in them, and so much more!



WHAT WILL BE LEARNED

Maths	Our learning will build on our understanding of Number, looking at place value within 50, counting from 20-50 and in groups of 10. We will look at using a number line to 50 and partitioning numbers into tens and ones. We will also look at comparing lengths and heights. We will measure lengths using standard and non standard units of measure.
English	Our ongoing writing focus will be to compose a sentence orally before writing it, sequencing sentences to form short narratives. We will punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, leaving spaces between words. We will know what and use adjectives. We will join words using the conjunctive 'and' using capital letters for proper nouns and the personal pronoun I. We will continue with learning our tricky words alongside phonics.
Science	Investigative Science / STEM activities to be covered to secure our ability to work scientifically. Asking simple questions, gathering and recording data, identifying and classifying and using observations to suggest answers to questions.
Geography	We will look explore why some castles were built on hills, discover the physical features that make castles easier to defend and become familiar with castles in the UK's capital cities. We will be using, exploring and making maps.
History	We will explore the events leading up to Norman rule, learning about castles and their features. We will explore roles in medieval castles, comparing life in Norman Britain to life today. We will explore how the Tower of London has changed over time, developing our understanding of local history.
Art & Design	We will create Bayeux pictures using lines. We will use line to create pictures in the style of the Buck brothers and create painting in the style of James Paterson.
PE	Games sessions will build on striking and fielding and invasion games.
French	We will continue to build on the basic understanding of the French language. Looking at topics such as greetings, numbers and colours.
Computing iSafe	In this unit children will explore and develop skills using digital tools to create and edit graphical art.
PSHE/No outsiders & RSE	No Outsiders day themes, focus on difference, acceptance and equality. RSE we will be learning about Prayer and Worship. We will be asking and answering the question, Why do Christians pray to God and worship him?
Music	We will continue to learn the recorder, where we will play to a rhythm and compose short pieces of music. We will also listen to medieval music and discuss.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please send your child in with a coat everyday as we go outside no matter what the weather is.
- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- BBC Bitesize
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>
- ICT Games

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday.
- Library day is on a Wednesday.
- Book change day is highlighted on the first page in your child's Reading Records.
- Red Nose Day is on the 21st March
- Easter Fayre is on the 4th April (in the school day)
- End of term is the 4th April
- Back to school for the Summer Term on the 22nd April

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