

## Literacy/English:

We will start the term exploring our topic 'Castles' through non-fiction books, learning facts about castles and identifying and labelling their key features. Then we will go on to explore the setting of a castle through the stories of 'Zog' and 'Cinderella'. The children will use these texts to write character and setting descriptions, as well as to retell and develop their own stories in a castle setting. We will also be visiting Leeds Castle and writing a recount of our visit.

**Communication and Language:** This term we will be continuing to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will be retelling stories in our roleplay and small world play and sharing our ideas confidently in group and class discussions. We will also be looking at following and giving instructions of more than one part.

## Physical Development / Mark Making:

This term we will be exploring athletics, practising our running and racing skills as well as our throwing and aiming all in preparation for Sport's Day!

We will be working really hard on neatening up our writing ready for our next steps as Year 1 and Year 2's

## Creative Development/ Art & DT / Music:

We will be exploring music linked to storytelling, making sound effects!

We will be making our own castles through a range of construction from Lego to junk modelling.

We will be painting our own knights shields!

**Maths:** All of the children will be exploring shape in making and building castles.

In Reception the children will be revising all their number bonds to 10 and continuing to explore problems involving grouping, sharing, doubling and halving.

In Year 1 the children will be revising place value. They will also be exploring money, naming coins and making different quantities as well as problem solving with money. They will also be learning to tell the time.

## PSHE:

### Opening Young Minds: The Wider World

We will be exploring what it means to be a part of a community, at school, at home and in the wider world. We will be talking about the importance of tolerance and responsibility.

**Career focus:** An illustrator.

## Understanding the World:

**History:** We will be talking about castles and what life might have been like in a castle. We will be thinking about all the different jobs roles from chefs and servants to lords and ladies! We will be thinking about how homes have changed overtime and reflecting on how our homes are different to those in the past.

**Geography:** We will be learning about why castles are built in specific places- what makes a good position for a castle?

**Science:** We will be exploring plants and watching our seeds grow. We will be talking about what plants need to grow and the importance of flowers, trees and plants to our world.

## RE:

We will begin the term focussing on our value of truthfulness and how this is reflected in the Bible and in our own lives. This term we shall discussing why it is important to protect our world.

## Castles



## Reception & Year 1

## Value: