

# Castles



## Lower School Autumn Term

Welcome to our Autumn Term and the theme of Castles! The curriculum all interlinks, allowing the children to use a range of subject skills and develop knowledge to become a sportsperson, artist etc. We will have two main projects within this term: Project 1 Buildings; Project 2 Banquets whilst also looking at Knights and Fairytales. The children will continue their morning English lessons which will include theme work; R.E will be taught as a discrete subject.

### Project 1 Buildings

Using our Historian and Geographer skills, we will explore why castles were built, what the reasons were and why they were built in certain locations. The children will look at members of these past communities and use a range of rich vocabulary linked to this theme across the term. In Science we will be looking at the best materials and their properties for a castle and its defence. To develop our skills as a Sportsperson, we will be learning how to dance in court and in outdoor games we will explore using tactics for a safe jousting tournament (no spikes involved). In Design lessons the children will use technical drawings to create a castle defence. For Computing skills, the children will be looking at how modern technology is used to do manual jobs from the past. In this project the children will use their nonfiction writing skills to write scientific reports.

### Project 2 Banquets

The Literacy focus for this project will be nonfiction recipe writing for a healthy eating of banquet food, this will link nicely with the PSHE and Science topics. In History the children will also use this healthy eating theme to look at food produced in the past. In dance and outdoor games the children will create dances from Jesters to entertain at a banquet and learn how to play the original game of tennis. Throughout the next few projects the children will continue with their Computing skills of creating algorithms for 'Sprites as Knights'. We will follow the life of a Little Knight, write descriptive tales about him and how to keep him healthy through DT, PSHE, P.E and Science. In history lessons we will cover how he would have lived.



*Parent-Pupil Project: To make a costume fit for a castle - for example a Jester's hat, a Knight's armour or shield, or anything else creative you can think of.*

### Maths

In Maths we will cover Number, Measurement, Ratio and Proportion, Algebra, Geometry and Statistics. The children will have personalised activities that focus on their individual needs and targets. They will also develop their ability to use the skills they have learnt and apply them to problem solving and reasoning activities. The Maths ladders in this Home-School Book show the progression of Maths knowledge and skills.

There are four types of homework that will be set throughout the term: Learning Log, Literacy, Maths, Spellings and Times Tables Practise. There will also be some Science and Wellbeing homeworks set. All types of homework must be completed or recorded in this book. Please feel free to contact Mrs Cardy/Miss Peartree, Mrs Bird/Miss Peartree, Mr Fletcher and Mrs Hawkins/Mrs Partridge if your child is unsure about how to complete the homework; we are always happy to help. Please remind your child that their homework must be handed in each Monday morning. Finally, your child will receive three 'Castle Pebbles' for their team if they read more than four times a week, and complete their weekly homework, so don't forget to sign their Reading Record.

**Reminders: Homework hand in - Monday morning; P.E Year 1 - Monday and Wednesday for 1F, Wednesday and Friday for 1BP. P.E Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday. 2C Tuesday swimming (26th September until Christmas). Then the Year 2's will swap after Christmas. Please ensure belongings are labelled (water bottles, jumpers, lunch boxes etc).**

**Attendance Raffle - If your child is in every day each week they get entered into a raffle. At the end of each half term the raffle is drawn for the prize of an Amazon Voucher worth £20. The more raffle tickets they earn, the higher the chance of winning !!**