

Design Technology

We will be designing and making shields with card. We will investigate how to make a pulley/lever. We will be making Easter cards and baskets using card and paper.

Music

We will be focussing on the performance element of music through songs and instrument playing. Reggae will be our focussed genre of music this term. We will be learning a selection of Easter and Spring songs.

Mathematics

We will continue to develop our knowledge of the number system, counting, partitioning, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use and apply our knowledge of maths to help us solve more complex problems.

We will continue to work on problems with shape and measures. We will be adding amounts of money, giving change and learn how to manage money such as pocket money. We will be identifying fractions: a whole, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{2}$ and thirds.

Art

We will be looking at the work of David Hockney and discussing how he uses colours to portray different seasons. We will paint our own castle pictures in this style. We will also study perspective in pictures and create our own castle picture with perspective.

Science

We will be looking at a variety of materials and their properties. We will discuss appropriate materials for building a castle. We will be looking at, and naming local wild flowers, fruits and trees. We will be finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Castles

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PE

We will focus on our 'Fundamental Skills' which will enable us to develop our co-ordination, fitness and stamina through learning the skills needed to play throwing, catching, sending and receiving games such as mini-tennis. In dance we will use castle music as a stimulus for our own dances.

Geography

We will be looking at castles in the local area and investigating why they were built in their location. We will also be making a visit to a castle. We will continue to develop our mapping skills by identifying local castles on a large map and through making our own maps and plans of castles.

History

We will be using a variety of different sources to investigate different types of castles, the people who lived in them and how the castles changed over time.

RE/ PSHE

We will be considering the importance of Easter for Christians. We will be learning about people who help us, and keeping ourselves healthy and safe. We will also further develop our understanding of emotions and feelings through our 'Zippy's Friends' sessions.

Computing

We will continue to practice and improve our word processing and drawing skills. We will be researching the internet using ipads to find information about castles. We will use simple algorithms to program digital devices.

Can you help us?

If you have any interesting artefacts and books relating to our theme of castles and would not mind us borrowing them, please could you send them into school with your child. Thank you.

English

We will continue to develop our reading, writing and comprehension skills through a variety of castle based traditional tales and non-fictional texts. We will be writing recounts, extended stories, poems, reports and fact sheets. We will continue to extend our vocabulary, apply the spelling patterns we have learned and further improve our punctuation. We will continue to focus on presenting our work neatly and work towards using more joins in our handwriting.

You can help your child by...

- * Listening to them read regularly.
- * Helping with spellings.
- * Giving your child simple problems that involve adding and subtracting money.
- * Talking about the topic and finding information on the internet.
- * Encouraging them to be active every day by trying the 'Coalway Blast!'
- * Log in to Purple Mash to access a variety of activities for your child to do at home.