

Year 1 – Spring Term Learning Journey 2024



Theme:
Myself and Others

Concept:
Community

Topic:
Castles
and Kings

Welcome back Year 1s, I hope you are ready for an exciting Spring term. We are continuing with our overarching theme of Myself and Others, exploring this through the concept of Community. Our topic this term will be Castles and Kings, the first text we will be focusing on is George and the Dragon. A book that tells a tale about a frightening creature, that terrorizes whole armies, destroys castles and kidnaps princesses. However, this mighty dragon has a secret... He is terrified of his neighbor, who is a tiny mouse named George. We will be exploring and retelling the story in our Literacy lessons. We will then begin to read the story 'Knighthood for Beginners'. Reading this text will help us to write a set of instructions on 'How to Become a Knight'. We will be finishing off the Spring term with the popular story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are going to use our 'green fingers' to plant beans, care for them and watch them grow. We are going to keep a diary of the growth... let's hope we don't grow a beanstalk that reaches a giant in a castle!

Things to remember:

PE- *Tuesday and Thursday*

Weekly Homework-
*Reading, Phonics,
Numberbots, School Jam,
Spellings*



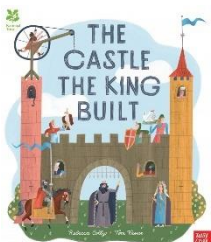
**For our trip this term,
we will be visiting
Bolsover Castle!**

Subject	Topic
Science	Exploring everyday materials
History	Castles and kings
Geography	UK and Bolsover
RE	Celebrations and sacred times Caring for others and the world
PE	Health and fitness Yoga Team games Attacking and defending
PSHE	Difference and diversity Being responsible Being me Money matters
Computing	Digital painting Always be kind and considerate
Music	Exploring sounds Listening to music
Art	Sculpture Painting
DT	Mechanisms

Book recommendations for this term. Borrow from school or pop to your local library!



As we learn about Castles and Kings, we will be looking at different materials and deciding on which materials are most appropriate for building a strong and mighty castle. Having this knowledge will support us during our Art lessons as we will be folding paper to create strong castle sculptures. Looking more locally, we are going to learn about the UK and Bolsover which will include an exciting trip to Bolsover Castle. As Easter approaches, we will learn about how and why Christians celebrate Easter. Alongside this, we will be making a moving book in DT to sell at our Easter Enterprise. To keep our minds and bodies healthy, we will continue weekly PE lessons. During the term, we will look at digital painting in Computing lessons and celebrate our differences in PSHE.



Find out exactly what goes on inside a medieval castle. How many people does it take to build a castle? And what exactly does each person do? Discover masons to merchants and bakers to blacksmiths in this unique take on the classic rhyme 'This is the House that Jack Built'.



All at once, it was as if the stars leapt closer. Grandma grabbed the boy, raising him high above the rooftiles on her head. She was alive! The boy's grandma was a famous architect. Her garden is still full of old building materials. Unwilling to accept she has gone, the boy builds a giant structure from the bricks and girders he finds. And then ... Grandma comes to life! The boy is whisked away on an epic adventure across fields, through oceans and atop roofs. But where is Grandma taking him?