

Curriculum Map: Knights and Castles

Personal, Social & Emotional

The children will be working together to explore our topic through research and imaginative play. They will learn to negotiate and follow rules. We will be discussing online safety during our research:

- To follow rules and understand why they are important.
- To focused attention and respond appropriately when engaged in activities.
- To explain why we have rules, know right from wrong and work successfully with others.

Communication & Language

The children will be exploring the past and learn new vocabulary through their skill of questioning. They will be developing communication and language skills through role play, stories and investigations, sharing ideas and build curiosity:

- Share their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences, developing conversations.
- Describe events and experiences in detail.
- Engage in non-fiction books to develop knowledge and vocabulary.
- Participate in group and class discussions, offering own ideas and sharing knowledge.
- Talk about experiences using past, present and future tense.

Visits and events:

- Visit to Norham Castle.
- Medieval banquet.
- North East Sikh visit.
- School Bear out and about!

Physical Development

Children will be developing physical skills to take part in a range of sporting activities and refine skills and coordination using a ball. Develop fine motor skills:

- Develop overall body-strength, co-ordination, balance and agility using outdoor equipment.
- Develop and refine skills: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting and aiming.
- Use scissors, cutlery and tools with control.
- Accurate letter formation and handwriting skills.
- Accuracy and care when drawing.

Numeracy

The children will be learning to count in sequence of numbers, identifying odd and even numbers. We will be exploring problem solving through halving and sharing. Children will learn to:

- Estimate and count accurately to check.
- Solve subtraction problems through practical activities.
- Compare quantities and identify more and fewer sets of objects, larger and smaller numbers to find the difference.
- Explore shapes and patterns through Artwork.

Literacy

Children will be sharing both fantasy stories and non-fiction books about knights, castles and dragons. We will develop our writing through role play, research and imaginative ideas.

- Non-fiction research, facts and a recount.
- To use pictures to retell stories, understanding story structure.
- To develop ideas through poetry.
- Explore adjectives and description of dragons.
- Writing a list of ingredients for a mythical medicine.
- Read and write sentences and some common exception words. Spelling high frequency words.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about changing states of matter through a range of experiments. We will explore the history of our local area to find out about castles and who might have lived there. We will also find out about our Royal family.

- **Science:** Explore solids, liquids and gases. Freezing and melting, evaporation & dissolving.
- **In History:** Parts of a castle, why they were important and who lived there.
- **In Geography:** Our local castles and locations. Map work and discussions.
- **RE:** Which stories are special and why?

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will be developing stories and narratives through role play and small world. We will be experimenting with pattern and design and looking at the Artwork of Paul Klee.

- Use resources to create small world play and develop stories.
- Use a range of resources, sharing ideas to create large scale artwork, exploring texture.
- Explore techniques, experimenting with design, pattern and colour to make shields and flags.
- Use shapes and colour to create a picture.
- Join in with music and dance from medieval times.
- Perform songs, rhymes and poems with others.

Outdoor Learning

- Medieval discovery!
- Building nests, caves and dens for Dragons.
- Building a castle using a range of materials.
- Parachute games/ play outdoor games from the past.
- Large scale artwork using a range of media.
- Dragon hunt!
- Magic Potions station.