

Our learning for the first half of the Spring term will be through the topic 'All About Castles'.

Please find attached the tier words we will be using as part of our learning this half term.

Key characteristics do we want our children to develop: Independence, Caring, Creativity, Resilience and Critical thinking.

Key events:

Parent workshop: Early Writing – Thursday 12th January 2023

EYFS Medieval Banquet – Tuesday 17th January 2023

Little Musketeers Fencing Workshop -

Reading books: Children will have their reading books changed every Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their reading book in their bag everyday so they can read them whenever they choose to.

Library books are changed every Wednesday.

PE: All reception classes will have PE each Friday.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term children will be focussing on working cooperatively and taking turns. Children will learn about the United Kingdom, the Royal family and British landmarks. Children will be reflecting on the roles and responsibilities of the Royal Family, and then reflect on their own. They will be creating their own family trees and comparing them to that of the Royal family. Children will also partake in Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. There will be a focus on working cooperatively and taking turns.

Physical Development

Focus this term – Ball skills

The children will be developing their ball skills this term, from using balls with increasing control and working on their co-ordination skills. The children will practice moving balls in different ways, including kicking and bouncing. Children will also work on dribbling a ball with racquets, and practice throwing both underarm and overarm in a general direction.

Fine motor

This term we will continue to build children's fine motor skills. The children will be encouraged to concentrate on correct letter formation and develop their pencil grip. We will be using a variety of tools for a purpose and will be particularly focussing on cutting skills and holding scissors correctly. Children will also begin dressing themselves for PE once a week.

Communication and Language

This half term children will be encouraged to participate in and offer their own ideas in small group and whole class discussions. They will learn to give and follow instructions and use recently introduced vocabulary.

Children will listen to more stories to develop their listening skills and encourage the use of their imagination. Children will be given opportunities to create and tell their own stories. They will also be introduced to language related to the topic of 'All About Castles' and will be given opportunities to use this language.

Through teacher modelling children will be encouraged to use the correct tenses and speak in full sentences.

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Specific Areas

Literacy

Children will revisit single letter sounds and focus this half term on set 1 & 2 diagraphs. They will continue to use the sounds they have learnt to read and write longer words, phrases and simple sentences. They will continue to learn tricky irregular words and focus on spelling these words. Children will look at both fiction and non-fiction texts. They will read and write: instructions, invitations and letters. Children will create an information text and

Understanding of the World

This half term children will be introduced to the purposes of castles and will learn about castles in the past and present. Children will be comparing castles to their own homes and the other buildings in their local environment. Children will learn about the different roles and responsibilities in a castle. They will look at and compare different castles across the world, and they will study the British Royal Family. Through this topic children will also name and identify different materials used to build castles. Lastly, children will carry out a scientific investigation into which materials are magnetic.

Maths

We follow White Rose maths. The Spring 1 overview and content covered is shown below.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Expressive Arts and Design Children will discuss what primary colours are and create pieces of art using these colours. They will be introduced to and learn about the artist Kandinsky. Children will use a variety of tools such as sponges, fingers, twigs, brushes to imitate Kandinsky's art. They will use collage materials to make patterns, create their own collages and create props for role play. Children will use lego, dienes and other objects to create prints of a castle. Children will use a range of materials to create their own 3D Castles. In music, children will be creating sounds and movements to accompany stories and match the moods of stories. Children will develop an understanding of how to create and use sounds intentionally and use instruments and voice to create loud and soft sounds.

High Frequency words (Tricky Words)

all	your
said	go
saw	

Topic Words

past	present
old	royal
responsibility	role
British	