



Learning Preview Year 2

Autumn Term 1

Cannonballs and Crenellations



Our Themed Learning:

- We will be learning about what life was like during castle times. We will be identifying parts of a castle, discussing people's livelihoods as well as learning about famous people such as William the conqueror. Have you visited a castle before? Who do you think may have lived there? What can we learn from the past?

Learning in the Core Subjects

- In English we will be learning about traditional tales and refining our own story writing. Later we will be moving onto instructional writing and improving our use of conjunctions.
- In Maths we will be focusing on number, and gaining fluency with mental maths e.g. place value (tens and ones) number bonds, doubles and halves, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- In Science we will be looking closely at the use of materials; exploring, explaining, testing and observing. Don't forget Science Week is the last week of term, more information to follow!
- In Computing we will be saving and retrieving files, cutting and pasting and learning about the importance of internet safety.

Have you read?

- The Orchard Book of Magical Tales
- Snow White in New York
- The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs



Vocabulary



- **Castle**- fort built for protection.
- **Battlements**- very top of the castle wall.
- **Portcullis**- huge gate which slides down to keep away enemies
- **Role Reversal** - usual goodies and baddies swap roles.
- **Conjunction** - joining word e.g and, but, so, because.

Key questions...



- Why were castles built?
- Who lived in castles?
- Who was William the Conqueror?
- Can you think of a funny role reversal?

If you would like more information on our learning this half term please see our 'Curriculum Mindmaps' on our website under the link 'Our School.'