



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. We will focus on describing characters and settings; using powerful adjectives to impress the reader.
- In Maths we will be focusing on number, and gaining fluency with mental maths e.g. place value (tens and ones), number bonds, adding and subtracting two digit numbers, counting in 2s, 5s 10s.
- In Science we will be looking closely at the use of materials (glass, wood, metal), exploring and explaining our ideas. We will be testing different materials, making observations and recording our results.
- In Computing we will be saving and retrieving files, cutting and pasting and learning about eSafety and the importance of staying safe when online.

Have you read?



- The Orchard Book of Magical Tales by Margaret Mao
- Prince Cinders by Babette Cole
- The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Vocabulary



- **Castle**- fort built for protection.
- **Crenellations**- the pattern along the top of the castle wall.
- **Portcullis**- huge gate which slides down to keep enemies out.
- **Role Reversal** - usual goodies and baddies swap roles.
- **Conjunction** - joining word 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 e.g. the princess saves George from the dragon.

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.'

<http://bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk/curriculum-maps/>