



Year 1 Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2 2023-24

Key Vocabulary

stable structure
battlements
portcullis

evaluate
keep
algorithm

material
moat
mass

timbre
drawbridge

syllable
arrow slits

English

In English we will be learning about persuasive writing:

- Writing noun phrases
- Writing power of three sentences using commas
- Using question marks
- Using exclamation marks
- Writing catchy titles
- Creating a leaflet

Maths

We will be covering the following topics:

- Subtracting ones using number bonds
- Solving missing number problems
- Place value to 50
- Counting in 10s
- Partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s
- Length and height
- Mass and volume

Science

This half term we will be enjoying Science Day. It's the 30th anniversary of British Science Week so the theme this year is 'Time!'.

In Year 1 we will be taking part in various experiments and investigations to do with time.

History and Geography

In history this term our topic is 'Castles' where we will be learning:

- Who built the first castles and create a timeline from Norman Britain to the current day
- About Motte and Bailey castles and Motte and Keep castles and the different features of these
- About the different people in a castle and the jobs they did
- How the common people were treated in Norman Britain
- How the Tower of London has changed over time

RE / SMSC

In RE we will be doing our first enquiry from our new scheme which is: **Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?** We will be thinking about qualities in people we admire and thinking about why Jesus might have been special or important to the people around him and looking at the Easter story. Our Jigsaw theme for PSHE is 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning:

- How to make health choices for our body, and to recognise unhealthy choices
- How to keep myself clean and healthy
- That household products, including medicines, can be harmful if not used properly
- How to cross the road safely

Art and DT

In design and technology this term our topic is 'Stable Structures' where we will be:

- Exploring the features of existing structures and consider how these work to create a strong structure
- Exploring the properties of a range of materials
- Creating and/or modify a design plan
- Following a design plan to create a stable structure
- Test and evaluate their structure and say what worked well and what could be improved in the future.
- The children will be making a stable structure in the form of a castle out of junk modelling.

P.E.

This half term we will be developing our fitness and playing invasion games. We will be learning about:

- The importance of exercise and the effect it has on our bodies and minds.
- The role of defenders and attackers and who to pass to and why and how to be a team player.

Computing

We will be learning:

- That an algorithm is a set of precise instructions followed by a computer
- To programme algorithms to move objects in four directions in response to start and click events
- To debug broken algorithms so that they work correctly

Music

We will be learning:

- What timbre means and how I can represent and change this in music
- How to change my voices to represent different characters and moods
- How to create many different sounds from one instrument
- How to recognise syllables in words and phrases from a musical story
- How to listen with concentration to different pieces of music