



# Year 1 Curriculum Overview

## Summer 1 2025-26

### Key Vocabulary

marvel	ample	majestic	ominous	investigations
experiments	battlements	keep	moat	drawbridge
slits	portcullis	arrays	halves	quarters

### English

In English we will be looking at 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:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Doubling
- Making arrays
- Grouping and counting in groups
- Sharing into equal groups
- Halves and quarters of shapes and quantities
- Describing turns and position

### Science

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

- To ask simple questions about the world around us and suggest ways to find answers.
- To observe closely using our senses and simple equipment such as magnifying glasses.
- To perform simple tests and follow instructions to investigate things.
- To talk about and record what we have found using pictures, words or charts.

### History and Geography

In history this term our topic is 'Castles' which includes a visit to Windsor Castle and 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 continue to learn about Islam. Our enquiry question is: How important is the prophet Muhammad to Muslims?

Our **Jigsaw** theme for PSHE is 'Relationships'. We will be learning:

- How to make friends and solve friendship problems
- Show respect in how we treat others
- Know how to help themselves and others when they feel upset or hurt
- Know and show what makes a good relationship

### 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 athletics skills which will include running, balancing, jumping, throwing and working on our agility skills.

We will also be learning about net and wall games including playing against an opponent and keeping score, exploring hitting with a racket and hitting a ball over a net.

### Computing

We will be learning about animated stories. We will be using computers to:

- To add animation to objects in 2Create a Story.
- To add text to a 2Create a Story file.
- To add sounds to a 2Create a Story file.

### Music

This half term, our music learning is linked to the seaside. We will be learning:

- How music can be used to represent an environment
- How to use our bodies, voices and instruments to create seaside sounds
- To compare pieces of music by explaining how they are the same and different to each other