

Castles and Victorians

Year 1- Donaldson

Spring Term 2022



Key Areas of Learning

As geographers, we will be exploring where you find castles in the United Kingdom and think about why they are situated there. We will be able to answer the questions: 'Are castles the same all around the world?' and 'What are the differences between a castle and a palace?' Finally, we will be discovering how London has changed from the Victorian era to now.

As historians, we will investigate life behind castle walls and learn about the lives of people who lived in them. We will take a step back in time and look at life as a Victorian child and compare it to our life today.

As scientists, we will compare different materials from the past and modern day and think about its purpose. We will then be able to discuss which material was better for its particular purpose. Throughout this topic we will read, spell and pronounce scientific and topic vocabulary correctly.

English

As readers, we will be developing our reading fluency by applying the sounds we have been learning in phonics so we can read words quickly, a process called blending. We will be encouraged to discuss the meaning of any new vocabulary and be supported to make plausible inferences.

As writers, we will practice forming letters correctly ensuring they are sat on a line and we will use the phonics we have been taught to spell words. Whenever we write we will use finger spaces, start sentences with capital letters and use a full stop at the end of a sentence.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will explore and solve a given problems using reason and logic.

We will learn the value of a digit for any two digit number up to 50 and use this understanding to solve addition and subtraction problems within 20.

We will use a range of non-standard units of measure and standard units of measure to measure the length and height of a given object.

We will develop our understanding of weight and volume to measure and solve a range of problems.

Computing

In computing, we are learning to be painters. We will learn how to use the internet safely to collect images and use technology to create our own digital images.

PSHE

We are learning to be able to recognise what our own dreams and goals are. We will be able to apply different taught techniques to achieve our aspirations and discuss our emotions that help us to stay healthy.

PE

In Physical Education, we are learning to express ourselves whilst listening to a musical stimulus to create our own dance routines. We will develop our ball skills to play different invasion games and traditional Victorian games. We will develop our team building skills to work together whilst using large apparatus.

Art and DT

As creators, we will explore the artist Kandinsky. We will develop our understanding of mechanics to construct a movable knight and design our own coat of armour, We will also begin our weekly cooking sessions.

RE

We are learning about places and communities, focusing on recognising different places of worship. We will be able to identify a place of worship recognising the building features.

Music

As musicians we are exploring different genres of music, for example; The Blues, Latin, Folk, Funk, Baroque and Bhangra.

Experiences

Castle project- children to make a castle at home and talk about the various parts they have included. We will also have a banquet and Victorian day in school. Windsor castle trip (TBC)

Whole School Events / Themes

Tuesday 8th February- Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 22nd February- Friday 25th February- Healthy Living Week
Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day



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