



This term the Year 1 topic is Castles and Coasts.
The topic offers many cross-curricular opportunities and will be closely linked to our History, Geography, Art/ DT and Science learning.

This term's topics

This term we will be learning about Castles and the lives of significant Kings & Queens including monarchy who have lived in castles.

This term we will be learning about the fictional character Katie Morag, focusing on coasts and the seaside, looking at contrasting UK localities, leading on from last terms 'Local area' focus.

Summer Term in Year 1

As we continue the implementation of the new curriculum there will be more new and exciting topics for the children to learn about. We will be exploring these new areas and, in addition, revisiting some of the key concepts that have already been learnt and building on and broadening their knowledge. I hope that the following information is useful in helping to support your child in their learning.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding and explain their thinking.

There will also be one to two pieces of curriculum based work. These should be completed by pupils within a 20 minute timeframe.

Work will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Websites



Topic

- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/castles/defence.htm>
- <http://www.welbourneprimary.com/links/history/Castles/Castles.htm>

Maths

- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Literacy

- <http://www.katiemorag.com/>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/katie-morag>

Science

- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=64>
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/science/plants_and_animals/play/

Class visits, visitors and special events

In July we have booked a visit to Painshill Park near Cobham, Surrey. We look forward to applying our Science learning by exploring the different trees, plants, flowers and minibeasts. We will be completing a mini beast hunt and a treasure hunt, testing our map reading and problem solving skills. We will be celebrating our Castles topic with a themed dress up day towards the end of term.



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

This term the children will be covering:

- Place value (two digit numbers)
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Fractions using number and shape
- 2D and 3D shape
- Time
- Money (coin recognition and using to apply addition and subtraction skills)
- Position and direction
- Multiplication
- Division

English

Alongside our daily discrete phonics teaching and guided reading sessions in Literacy lessons we will be learning about:

- Traditional tales and modern super hero fiction
- Writing letters
- Information texts
- Creating a class text
- Poems about nature
- Traditional poetry
- We will continue to focus on improving our handwriting, forming recognisable letter shapes and linking our letters together.

Science

This term we will be learning about animals including humans and plants, focusing on:

- Human body parts
- Animal body parts
- Senses
- Pets and farm animals
- Carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- Plants and plant parts
- Wild plants, garden plants and herbs

Reminders: Now the weather is getting better PE lessons may be outside, please ensure your child has suitable footwear and kit is clearly named.

Homework is due in on Wednesdays, all reading books and records need to be handed in each morning in the basket by your child in order to monitor and change on a regular basis.

I am looking forward to the exciting summer term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Mrs Seymour and the Year 1 team.



As part of their wider, topic related studies...

History

We will explore castles, castle locations, different types of castles, inside a castle, shields and mottos and key roles within running a castle. We will focus on William the Conqueror, the Royal family and Queen Victoria (and life as a Victorian).

Computing

Year 1 will focus on E-safety, staying safe online and stranger danger.

Linked with our topics we will use a story writing program called 2Simple and PowerPoint to complete an information presentation. Linked with our Topic learning we will be treasure hunters, programming and controlling Beebots around maps.

PE

In PE we will be working on our coordination with equipment, agility skills (reacting and responding) and balls skills. In preparation for sports day we will be practising a range of outdoor athletic skills.

PSHE

Getting on and falling out is our first focus, concentrating on friendships, seeing things from another point of view, managing feelings and working together. The second focus will be on change, and preparing the children for the Year 1/2 transition.

Music

We will be learning about a variety of styles, including, 'Rhythm in the way we walk' and 'Banana rap' (reggae, hip hop). Round and Round (Latin Bossa Nova, Film music, Big band Jazz, Mash-up, Latin fusion)

Geography

We will learn about Katie Morag (closely linked with Literacy). We will be locating places in the British Isles, identifying and comparing physical features of Ashford and Isle of Struay (based on the Scottish Isle of Coll). We will be comparing transport and thinking about building uses. We will be using different types of maps – reading and entering information on maps. Later on in the term we will be learning about compasses.

Art

To link with our Topic learning we will be drawing and painting animals and plants, using observational skills.

We will investigate different techniques artists have used to create paintings and sculptures. We will learn about the work of Georgia O'Keffe, Henri Rosseau, Cath Hodsman, Louise Bourgeois and William Morris.

Design and Technology

Linked with our Topic focus we will be designing and making a castle, making royal coaches and creating moving pictures. In cooking we will be exploring cooking using herbs and how we use our sense in cooking.

RE

This term our focus is Judaism. Answering questions such as: Why do Jewish families celebrate Shabbat? What is the Torah and why is it important to Jews? What made Moses a good leader? Why do Jewish families celebrate Hanukkah?