

Rags to Riches: What lies within the castle walls?

In the Autumn of 2024, Year 1 and 2 pupils from primary schools across the XP Trust will study a cross-curricular expedition looking to answer the guiding question, Rags to Riches: What lies within the castle walls?
Our case studies will be: Science, History and DT.

Case Studies:

Science:

During this case study, children will learn about different everyday materials such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, rubber, rock, fabric, paper and brick. They will identify the properties of these materials and conduct investigations to explore how different materials are better suited for different objects through well-known stories. Children will also explore how some of these materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching them.

History

In this case study, children will be introduced to some of the most famous and significant kings and queens of England, from King William I in 1066 to King Charles III in the present day. The children must consider how we learn about the past and how it is similar to a detective. They will then think about castles and why they were built. Children will identify some of the features of a castle and what they are used for. The lessons then continue to look at each significant king or queen in turn, going back in time chronologically. Children will learn a little about their lives and which palaces and castles were significant to them. The children will compare monarchs of different times that lived in the same castle and have the opportunity to point out differences between the monarchs of the past. The unit ends with a final response to the main historical enquiry, 'Where did kings and queens live through time?'

DT:

In this case study, children will research a variety of mediaeval weapons and decide which structure was the best in terms of being the most effective at launching rocks. The children will use the DK Castles text, as well as videos to look at various designs and use these to deconstruct the products to evaluate different designs. The children will then create a set of instructions to build their own catapult. They will then create graphs and give presentations to show the results.

Experts and Fieldwork:

In Autumn 2, the children will be visiting Sandall Beats Wood to learn about natural materials and how structures were used to build defences.

We will also be working with Chris to help us learn how to build our own mini catapults.

Key Texts:

The true story of the three little pigs
Arthur and the sword in the stone
DK Castles
Tell me a dragon

Final Product and Celebration of Learning:

The children will be presenting their finished product and expeditionary learning on Friday 6th December 2024 at 2pm



Visit the Key Stage 1 Message board for all the key dates across the Autumn term.



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Home Learning

Please try to complete one piece of learning each week

Expedition	Community	Life Skills
Visit the Danum gallery or Conisbrough Castle to learn about castles in Doncaster	Visit the Danum gallery or Conisbrough Castle to learn about castles in Doncaster	I can button and unbutton my own clothes
Write a poem about a dragon 	Litter pick in your local area with an adult	Learn to put my shoes and socks on and take them off independently Learn to tie shoe laces
Draw a map of the UK and label the different castles you can locate	Visit the local library	Learn to use a knife and fork properly Learn to make a packed lunch
Turn into a knight and make yourself your very own sword and shield.	Help sort the recycling out into different materials.	Learn to use the toilet independently Learn when to wash my hands and how to do this properly



Welcome to Key Stage 1

Expeditions

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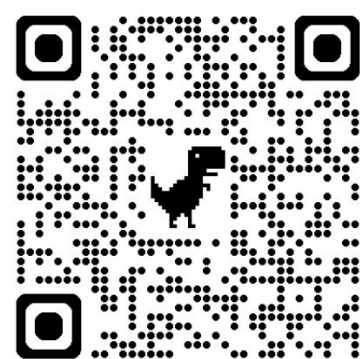


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Year 1's Blog

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Messages

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PE Days

1Cr and 1Cu - Tuesday

2L and 2P - Thursday

Please can children wear their PE kits on these days

Reminders

Each day please remember:

Water bottle

Book bag

Please return homework and RWI books on a Friday

