

Kings, Queens and Castles

Spring term

Maths- Class 2

This term we are focusing on;

- Place value,
- Addition and subtraction,
- Multiplication,
- Fractions and decimals,
- Time, shape and data.

We will spend time each day working on the fundamentals of maths, so lots of practice of number bonds, times tables and rapid recall of number facts.

English- Class 2

In English, our areas of focus this term are;

- Myths and Legends,
- Stories from Imaginary Settings,
- Recounts,
- Performance poetry.

We will use a range of different texts and media to help us explore these units. During these topics we will continue to look at different ways to improve our verbal and written work as well as developing our reading strategies.

Geography

The UK, Cumbria and the Langdale Valley – be able to find these places on a map.
Mapwork – map symbols, use this to identify geographical features and tourist information.
Look at location of castles on maps and be able to identify geographical reasons for their being situated there.

History

Early British kingdoms through to unification, inc. king Offa and Alfred the Great.
Other significant monarchs, eg William the Conqueror, The Tudors, Victoria.
Medieval castle life and the evolution of castles.
Local castle visit – Kendal Castle Howe, Kendal Castle and Sizergh Castle.

Science Materials

- Compare and group materials together. Linking this to castles via modern and old materials
- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled
- Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution
- Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials
- Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials and link this to castles work.

French

'Le Chateau Hanté' Unit working on names of rooms in houses, colours, being able to answer questions relating to those. French songs/poems.

PE

On Mondays we will be developing our cricket skills with the help of a visiting coach.

Thursday is swimming day and both sets of the juniors will be swimming this half term.

Art and Design

Draw designs for castles, based on real castle pictures found on internet.
Make large 3D cardboard models, including moving parts.
Learn about Bayeux tapestry and embroidery.

RE & PSHE

Why and how do different faiths use prayer? Why are places of worship important for different religious believers? Social Stories for conflict resolution.

Computing

We will be focusing on using PowerPoint to create presentations based on famous Kings and Queens. We will learn to modify our slides by adding pictures, backgrounds, sounds and transitions.