



Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

Year 2's Curriculum Newsletter

Climbing the battlements or tunnelling in the ground, there's a whole world of adventure and fun to be found!

This term, we will visit a real castle to explore the towers, battlements and maybe a secret tunnel or two! We'll learn all about the different parts of a castle and describe how they have changed over time. Using a wide range of materials, we'll build models of castles and test the strength of our structures. Maps and photographs will help us learn about the tallest buildings and the longest tunnels in the world. We'll find out about the amazing Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and improve our PE skills by playing attacking and defending games.

Big Question	What was life like inside a castle?
ILP focus	D&T
English	Defeating the monster – George and the Dragon, explanation text – Why are Dragons Extinct?
D&T	Making models of towers, bridges and tunnels
Art & design	Sculpture using natural materials
Computing	Create castles using drawing software
Geography	Amazing structures around the world, towers and bridges in the local area
History	Castles and castle life, significant individuals – Isambard Kingdom Brunel
Mathematics	Weight, capacity and temperature, length and height, fraction, multiplications and division.
PE	Defending and attacking games, balance and co-ordination
PSHE	Dilemmas
Science	Living things and their habitats, use of everyday materials
RE	Holi, Vaisakhi, Easter
Educational Visit	Kennelworth Castle – 27 th February 2019

Help your child prepare for their project

Towers, tunnels and turrets are everywhere! Why not visit a skyscraper, big wheel or tower? Look at the materials the structure is made of to decide why the materials were chosen. You could also use blocks or stones to create tall towers. How high can you go? Alternatively, play Jenga together and see if you can work out how to make the tower stay strong, even when you have removed some of the blocks!

Year 2's Notices

- Practise **2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables**.
- Read with children at home **every day** and remember to encourage your child to change their reading book **every week**. Books are changed on **Mondays**.
- **Swap Shop** is available for every child to choose a book to take home and then return it and choose another book. You'll find Swap Shop in the entrance and in the hall.
- Bring **P.E kits** back. P.E is on:
 - 2S: Tuesday
 - 2H: Friday
 - 2G: Friday
- Please send in spare boxes to create castles.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Year 2 Staff