

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 balance and co-ordination with gymnastics in P.E.

Big Question	What was life like inside a castle?
ILP focus	D&T
English	Write a descriptive paragraph and a letter of complaint
D&T	Making models of castles
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	Money, shape and fractions
PE	Gymnastics - balance and co-ordination
PSHE	Rules, feeling safe
Science	Living things and their habitats, use of everyday materials
RE	Caring for Others, Animals and the Environment / Being Merciful and Forgiving

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

- Please make sure that children are in school, on time, so that they can complete morning activities and get ready for the school day. The first bell is at 8.35am.
- Please send your child in their PE kit on PE days. This includes black jogging bottoms or leggings, a red crew neck t-shirt, their school red jumper and black trainers or pumps. 2A – Friday 2P - Thursday
- Homework can be found on Google Classroom each week. Practise times tables on TTRS and read a book on Bug Club.
- Remember to sign your child's bookmark every day when they read and return it to school on Monday.
- Your child can bring a book home every day to read. Please send a bag in for the book and remind your child to bring the book back to school each day.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Year 2 Staff