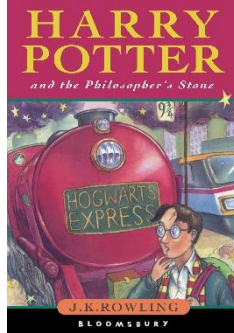


'Learning, Achieving, Aspiring Together'

Overview: In Year 4 in this half term, we will be travelling across the United Kingdom and the globe exploring castles and asking 'Why were castles essential during the medieval era?'

Reading

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
by J.K. Rowling
We will be focusing on retrieval and prediction questions whilst immersing ourselves in the adventures of Harry Potter.



Writing

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
by J.K. Rowling
We will be writing a diary from the point of view of a character from our book and then we will be using our senses to write a setting description from a scene in our book.

Maths



Through questioning and problem solving and reasoning we will be learning about:
- Place Value and the number system
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication tables from 2 – 12.

Science



In a State! (States of Matter)
During our chemistry topic we will be exploring solids, liquids and gases and how we can differentiate between the properties of each.

Computing



Computing Systems and Networks – The Internet
Pupils will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet; they will learn about what they can access, add, and create. They will also evaluate online content to decide how honest, accurate, or reliable it is, and understand the consequences of false information.

Religious Education

Key Question: How special is the relationship that people of the Jewish faith have with God?
Religion: Judaism
Pupils will learn about the importance of the ten commandments and the Jewish place of worship – the synagogue.



Languages – French

In French we will be learning how to say parts of the body, food and drinks. We will be sentence building using simple verbs and nouns and using our phonic knowledge when learning about the sounds "a" and "ai."



PSHE – Being Me in My World

We will cover the following:
Being part of a class team
Being a school citizen
Rights, responsibilities and democracy (school council)
Rewards and consequences
Group decision-making
Having a voice
What motivates behaviour



History

Questions we will be studying this half term:
What are the features of a castle and what is their purpose?
Why were castles essential in the Medieval Era?
What were the different types of castles?
What reliable sources can I use to research a castle?



Art



Castles

We will be using various techniques to design, draw and make a coat of arms, linking with our castles topic.

Design Technology



Castles

We will be using various stitching techniques to create our coat of arms.
During Baking this half term we will be making flapjack using ingredients that you would have found in a medieval castle.

Physical Education

Football



The following skills will be covered:
Coming towards the ball to receive; exploring two types of marking; defensive tackling; dribbling in different directions; passing over distance.

Music

Ostinatos



Pupils will learn the meaning of the term ostinato and about how it is used. They will perform various ostinatos and play with rhythmic accuracy as well as identify ostinatos in a piece of music.

Geography

Pupils will learn the names and locate the position of significant castles in the UK, on an OS map, and discuss why they were built there. They will study the physical features of the surrounding landscape



Useful websites:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>