

Violet Way Academy

Year 1 Curriculum Autumn Term - Castles

<p style="text-align: center;">Guided Reading</p> <p>Children will have a daily guided reading session following our Rigby Star reading scheme. Children read a new Rigby star reading book in class each week and will bring home a Rigby Rocket book on the same level. They will read their book twice with an adult in school and complete follow up learning about it too. Please record in the children's reading diary about how they are doing with their reading at home.</p> <p>Children can read extra books at home by logging onto bug club at home. www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Their username and password for this is in their homework book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reading for Pleasure</p> <p>It is important that children develop a love for reading and have a chance to choose their own books and to read for pleasure. To instil this love of reading we have weekly library sessions were children can choose a book of their choice. This may be a fiction book, non-fiction book, a book they could read themselves easily or a book that they need an adult to read to them. Children must return the book from the previous week before bringing a new one home. We also have story time as a whole class at the end of the day. In this time we will be reading books linked to the topic castles or from our class book corner.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Phonics</p> <p>Children will have a daily phonics lesson in class. We do not follow a set scheme but we use the phonic sound cards from Read Write Inc to help teach the children the sound along with a rhyme to help them to remember it easily e.g. ay - <i>may I play</i>.</p> <p>This term the focus will be on writing Set 2 sounds correctly and applying these sounds into writing activities in class.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>Children will complete a range of non- fiction writing activities linked to their learning about Castles and the visit to Tamworth castle. They will also read a range of non-fiction books to find out information about castles. Grammar is an important part of the new curriculum and this term the children will be learning about naming words (nouns) describing words (adjectives) and doing words (verbs) The children will also be learning about capital letters and alphabetical order.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>Children will have a daily maths lesson and will be taught in Set groups for maths. Over a term children will be taught aspects of: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Measurement, Properties of Shape, Position and Movement from the new National Curriculum. Children will also have a weekly forest school maths session.</p> <p>Children can develop their maths skills further be completing maths activities on active learn at home: www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Their username and password for this is in their homework book and is the same as their one for Bug Club.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Homework</p> <p>Year 1 children will have weekly homework. This may be Maths, Writing, Grammar, Phonics or a Topic based homework. Homework books will be sent home on a Wednesday, please can they be returned to school on the following Monday.</p> <p>Over the Christmas holidays children will have the topic homework to use a box they had a present in and to turn the box into a model.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional Information</p> <p>As part this topic we will be visiting Tamworth Castle to identify the features and understand what living in a castle would be like. Children will have a dress up day to start topic and will come to school dressed as a character from a castle.</p>

Artist



As an artist I will be learning:

- To use a range of materials to draw a picture of a castle, make a large 2D model of a castle, draw portraits of Queen Elizabeth and make a crown.

Castles



Historian



As a historian I will be learning:

- Features of a castle
- About People who lived or worked in a castle.
- Information about Queen Elizabeth and Guy Fawkes
- To learn how to find out about the past

Dancer



As a dancer I will be learning:

- To dance in time with the music
- To learn and perform a short routine

Design and Technology



As a designer I will be learning:

- To design and make a model of a castle and evaluate it
- To make a Guy
- To make a pop up Christmas card

Scientist



As a scientist I will be learning:

- To identify, name and describe materials
- To sort materials by properties
- To complete materials investigations.

Musician



As a musician I will be learning:

- To learn songs for our Christmas Concert
- To learn to play the recorder
- To listen to and learn castle songs

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As a thinker I will be thinking about:

- Events from the past
- The meaning of Christmas