

This half term our topic is:

Kings, Queens and Castles

At the end of the half term we will combine all of our learning to answer the debate questions:

We still need to build castles today. Do you agree?

You can help your child develop their own opinions by discussing this topic at home using words such as 'because' to help develop their ideas.

English

Focus Text: Look Up!

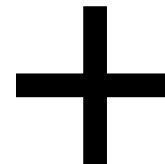
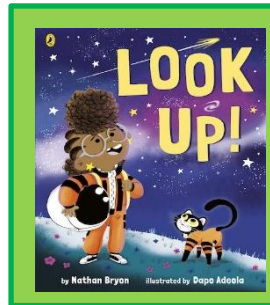
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Learning focus:

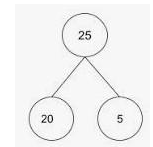
- Use capital letters and full stops correctly
- Use adjectives
- Use *because* and *and* to join two parts of a sentence.

You can help your child at home by:

- Reading with them at least 3 times a week and signing their reading diary
- Talking about different stories and how they follow a structure
- Sharing a bedtime story every night



Maths



Learning focus: Place value to 100 (counting, estimating, comparing, partitioning, ordering, writing number names); **Addition and Subtraction** (number bonds, fact families, addition and subtraction bonds, add, subtract, adding three numbers, adding 1-digit numbers, adding 2-digit numbers)

Key language: *tens, ones, numeral, total, digit, part, whole, estimate, compare, order, add, subtract, less, more*

You can help your child at home by:

- Practicing addition and subtraction facts to 20
- Recalling 5, 10- and 2-times tables and division facts
- Recording numbers to 100
- Playing board / card games and working out totals
- Encouraging your child to play on Sumdog

Achieving and Growing Together in Friendship

Computing

Focus: Computing systems and networks - What is a computer? / Online Safety

Key Learning: Learn how inputs and outputs work and understand how computers are used in the wider world

You can help your child at home by:

Installing parental controls, setting a limit on screen time, helping your child choose age-appropriate programs

Music

Focus: Call and Response (Animals)

Key Learning: Use instruments to represent animals, copy rhythms and create call and response rhythms.

You can help your child at home by:

listening to a range of musical styles and songs

History – Kings, Queens and Castles

Key Learning: Children will know the names of some famous and significant kings and queens of England, from King William I to King Charles III. The children will learn about their lives and why they're significant. They will learn about castles and palaces and what they were used for.

You can help your child at home by:

- Discussing monarchy and King Charles III.
- Spotting local castles.
- Watching documentaries/ reading non-fiction books.

Science

Focus: Uses of Everyday Materials

Key Learning: Learn the uses of everyday materials, discuss why some materials are suitable for certain buildings, look at which materials are stretchy, select the correct materials for building.



Key language: material, buildings, stretchy, force, bend, elastic, construction, property, obstacle

You can help your child at home by:

Discussing materials at home and their uses.
Spotting different materials when visiting new places or in the local area.

Religious Education (RE)

Focus: 'Why is the Bible special to Christians?'

(God as Father and Creator, the story of St. Francis of Assisi, Caring for our world)

You can help your child at home by:

reading stories from the Bible, visiting a church

Art

Focus: Drawing: Tell a Story

Key Learning: Using storybook illustration as a stimulus, children develop their mark-making to explore a wider range of tools and experiment with creating texture to add detail to drawings.

You can help your child at home by:

having paper a range of mark-making materials available (coloured pens, pencils, chalks, paint, scissors, glue)



Physical Education (PE)

Focus: Dance, Fundamental Skills

Key Learning:

Exploring space, expressing an idea, mood, character or feeling through movement

Balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping

Our PE days are please remember to provide tape for earrings or remove them on PE days. Thank you.

You can help your child at home by:

Encouraging them to play outdoors, going for family walks or trips to the park.

Me and My World (PSHE)

Focus: Families and Relationships

Key Learning: Learning that families are composed of love, care and stability, knowing that families can all look different, how to recognise other people's feelings and their own. Children will also learn about manners, friendships, change and loss.

You can help your child at home by:

Chatting regularly about their day and discussing similarities and differences. Also, chatting about their feelings and how to recognise how others are feeling.