



'Being Better Every Day'

Thursday 3rd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 5

In **Term 5**, our unit title is **'Who's the king of the castle?'** Our history focus for this unit finds out why kings and queens live in castles.



'This unit teaches children about different types of castles and how they have changed over time. The children will learn that castles were built to protect people and find out why they were built in certain locations. We will also discuss the different roles of people in society and their social status. Children will have the opportunity to use maps, photographs and non-fiction books to learn more about local castles such as Pevensey and Lewes.'

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question.

'Why do kings and queens live in castles?'

(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the topic; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

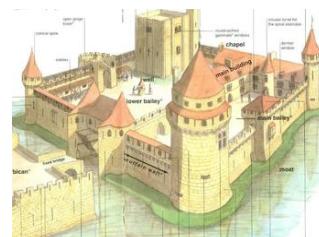
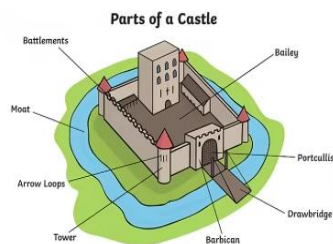
Curriculum Project

For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a **home-learning project**. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school.

For this unit, your child could:

- Create a 3D castle using recycled materials.
- Create a fact file about a castle of your choice, eg. Pevensey, Lewes, Arundel, Windsor, Hastings.
- Draw and label the parts of a castle (real or imagined.)

Below are some images to inspire your home-school projects:



Useful Websites:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/homework-help/history-homework-help/castles-facts-for-kids/top-10-facts-about-castles>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/castles/index.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AesgRREuCQI> (information)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGXkMVsZac0> (animation, features of a castle)

Home learning projects should be completed by the week beginning **Monday 19th May 2025**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

Reading

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn, and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 1, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 10 minutes every day. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's **reading record**. Remember to visit the Oxford Owl site to read the book explored in school each week.

Homework tasks

As usual a new 'homework grid' will be sent home at the beginning of term. The tasks and activities on this menu are **optional**. Thank you for the fantastic support you are giving your children to complete these activities.

PE is still on Monday in Term 5.

Our PE lesson will take place on **Monday** Please ensure your child comes to school in their school PE kit with suitable shoes. Children should wear their school jumper/ cardigan over their PE T-shirt.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Clark Year 1 Teacher

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