



## Curriculum Map: Knights and Castles

### Personal, Social & Emotional

The children will be working together to explore our topic through research and imaginative play. They will learn to negotiate and share through role play activities:

- Play co-operatively and take turns with others, organising activities.
- Confident to try new activities and share interests.
- To form positive relationships with adults and other children.
- Aware of behavioural expectations.

### Communication & Language

The children will be exploring the past by developing their skill of questioning. They will be developing communication and language skills through role play, stories and songs.

- To listen to stories and events and respond with comments and questions.
- Using language to develop imagination and story-telling.
- Introducing and creating stories through play.

### Visits and events

- Reception – Visit to Alnwick Castle.
- Visit to the beach.
- A Great Discovery!
- Sports day

### Physical Development

Children will be developing skills and control using a range of equipment. We will be learning about rules and playing team games.

- Control in balancing, throwing and catching a ball, bean bag and hoops.
- To hold a pencil correctly to form letters.
- Negotiating space safely when moving.
- To talk about a healthy diet and hygiene.

### Numeracy

The children will be learning to count in sequence of numbers. We will be exploring problem solving through doubling, halving and sharing. We will explore measurements and time.

Children will learn to:

- Estimate and count accurately to check.
- Solve addition and subtraction problems
- Compare and order by weight and capacity.
- Repeating patterns using shape & colour.
- Read time; o'clock and half past.

### Literacy

The children will be sharing both fantasy stories and non-fiction books about knights and castles. They will be developing their writing through role play and story writing.

- Developing ideas for a fantasy story.
- Non-fiction writing – researching books and using ICT.
- To use pictures to retell stories.
- To compose and write sentences.
- To create a newspaper report.
- Use phonic knowledge to read, write and spell.

### Understanding the World

We will be exploring the history of our local area to find out about castles and who might have lived there. We are also identifying and investigating different materials. We will:

- Talk about past and present lives – what has changed?
- Places that change – Google map work.
- Find out about local castles and history.
- Investigate similarities and differences between materials; Strength and weight.

### Expressive Arts & Design

The children will be learning songs, music and dance from medieval times and local history. Exploring materials to make props for role play and develop imaginative play. They will;

- Explore a range of materials to achieve a planned idea.
- Experiment with colour, design & texture.
- Represent their own ideas in art, dance and stories.
- To develop and act out a narrative.

### Outdoor Learning

- Building a castle using a range of materials.
- Parachute games/ play outdoor games from the past.
- A fantasy adventure - woodlands.
- Allotments – healthy eating – explore foods grown in the past.
- Explore natural materials and how they were used in medieval times.