

# Summer 1 2025 Year 1 and 2 - Curriculum Overview and Homework Activi-



## Our learning

This term, our topic is '**Castles**'.

During our **English** lessons, we will focus on consolidating our poetry knowledge by recognising recurring literacy language through shape poems, Acrostic poems, rhyming couplets and performance poetry. The children will learn to write setting descriptions, using the knowledge they have previously learnt from retelling fiction stories. The children will be learning how to write traditional stories and writing a non-chronological report focusing on their sentence structure as well as their punctuation and letter formation.



In **Maths**, Year One children will be learning multiplication and division, fractions and money, finding change and solving two step problems, as well as multiplying and dividing amounts; making equal groups and sharing out amounts practically by 2s, 5s and 10s. Year Two children will learn fractions and time, focusing on O'clock, quarter past and quarter to as well as telling the time to 5 minutes. In our **History** lessons will be focusing on our main topic 'Castles', learning who worked in castles, knowing how they were defended, the use of castles and learning who William the Conqueror was. In our **Science** lessons we will be learning about seasonal changes. In our **Art** lessons, we will be learning about Paul Klee and John Pipers art of castles, looking a different sculptured clay castles. In **PSHE**, the children will be learning about how we respect ourselves and our community. In **Computing**, we will be learning about handling data, creating and recording data on pictograms. The **PE** focus this half term is ball games and tennis.

**Please remember to listen to your child read as many times as you can and record it in their planner. If your child is using Read Write Inc, please read the e-book on Oxford Owl and then the book bag book sent home each week. The children will be tested on their weekly spellings on a Thursday and Maths homework sheets will be provided weekly. This must be brought in by Wednesday each week to be marked.**  
These things MUST be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below. The tasks below are optional extras.



### **Label a castle**

Draw your own castle. Can you label the different parts of a castle?

### **Design your own castle**

Create your own castle out of cardboard boxes.



### **Traditional tale**

Create your own narrative on a traditional tale.

Examples:  
 Cinderella  
 The princess and the Pea.  
 Sleeping Beauty.  
 Rapunzel.

### **Non-Chronological report**

Create your own non-chronological report on a castle of your choice.

Include:  
 A heading  
 Subheadings  
 Diagrams  
 Captions



### **Fact file**

Create your own fact file on different castles in the United Kingdom.

### **Create your own character**

Draw and write a character description who would live in a castle.  
 Can you describe the setting the character would live in?

### **Make a shield**

Design and create your own shield.



### **Timeline**

Create a timeline on different castles that were built in the United Kingdom.

