

Prime Learning challenge:  
What was life like living in a castle?

### Introduction

On returning after the half term holidays the children were posed a question- what do you already know about castles? What do they look like? Where do we find them? Why were they built? Who lived in them? The children were then challenged to work in a team to build a model castle out of bricks. They presented this to the rest of the class. Over the next few weeks we will learn all about castles.



### Learning Overview

As *Historians* we will discover who built the first castles and why. We will investigate how castles changed over time and the different parts of a castle. As we continue our topic we will discover more about who lived in castles and what life was like for each of them. As *Geographers* we will investigate where castles were built and why and consider a good location for a new castle in Wellingborough.

As *Readers* we will explore the adventure stories of a bold, brave knight, Sir Charlie Stinky Socks, and discover what makes a good adventure story. Then as *Writers* we will develop our sentences and learn about using ambitious vocabulary to hold the readers' attention. We will create a booklet all about castles and write some alternative Fairytales. As *Scientists* we will make and test predictions about how plant growth will be affected by changes to their water, light and temperature. As *Design Technicians* we will design and build castle models that incorporate a moving part. As *Computer Technicians* we will learn how to program a computer to follow our instructions, creating animations.

In *R.E.* we will be continuing to compare churches, finding out about the Easter story and Lent and in *PSHE* we will be understanding feelings and relationships, how our behaviour affects others and how we can resolve disagreements.

#### Our school values:

Love  
Honesty  
Respect  
Forgiveness  
Obedience  
Kindness

This term our value is **Kindness**.

Please continue to read with your child at least five times a week and continue to practise spelling the common exception words. This term we will be learning about suffixes and how to use them in our writing.

#### British Values

Tolerance  
Rule of law  
Democracy  
Individual liberty  
Mutual respect