

Stanbridge Lower School



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Castles, Dragons and Knights!

Simmering Starter:

The children will design their own coats of arms. They will use a range of different media including materials, paints and glitter to decorate their own designs. These will then be displayed on our new topic board.

Grand Finale:

The children will create a class book surrounding the new topic of Castles, Dragons and Knights. They will each record facts that they have learnt from across the topic areas and these will be put together to create a book.

History:

Topic: Changes beyond living memory (Castles + Knights)

In this topic, the children will be learning about some important historic castles, the main features of these castles and their location. They will learn about the role of a 'knight' and their importance for protecting the castles, communities and serving the 'King' or 'Queen' at the time. The children will also explore different myths and legends and key 'historic battles' that took place and why (Invasion of England and the Battle of Hastings).

Within these lessons the children will take part in a lot of fun and practical activities including acting/drama, role-playing as different knights and creating their own model castles.

Music:

Topic: Myths and Legends!

In this topic, the children will create their own layered and graphic scores based around myths and legends (King Arthur and Orpheus and Euridice).

They will also create their rhythms to represent the story of George and the Dragon. The children will spend time composing with structure, rehearsing and finally performing their compositions.

DT:

Topic: Food technology!

This half term, the children will develop a range of skills involving preparing, chopping and making a range of different foods.

They will learn about the importance of food and personal hygiene and how to prepare food carefully. They will make a range of different dishes and some of these will be themed around our new topic!

Geography:

Topic: Where are the castles in the UK?

This half term, the children will identify the UK on a world map and the countries that make up the United Kingdom. They will name and locate the capital cities. The children will also identify the land features that each capital city castle has been built on or near and begin to think about which geographical features made people decide to live near a castle.

Science:

Topic: Living things and their habitats + Plants

This half term, the children will explore and develop their understanding of the life cycle of plants and what time of year that they grow the best and why.

The children will explore outside, and through observation, the differences between things that are living, dead, and have never been alive.

We will discuss the features of those things that are living, dead and have never been alive.

We will explore the school grounds on the hunt for microhabitats. Zoom in on the tiny world of these habitats and draw or photograph what is going on there. The children will consider and draw conclusions about what lives in these microhabitats and why.

Physical Education:

Topic: Dance – Plants

Each lesson in this unit has a different focus linked to the topic of plants. Children will explore movements based on working in the garden, different types of seeds and how plants grow. The final two lessons of the unit are based on the traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Throughout the unit, children will dance on their own, with partners and in groups. This unit also teaches children the importance of determination, teamwork and respect, as well as providing regular opportunities for peer and self-assessment.

PSHCE:

Topic: Relationships (part two)!

In this topic, the children will learn about people who are special to them and how we can help others.

They will learn about appropriate and inappropriate behaviour and that both our bodies and feelings can be hurt. They will also explore that hurtful teasing and bullying is wrong and what to do if this ever happens to themselves or others.

Computing:

Topic: Copywrite!

In this topic, the children will be learning about what 'Copywrite' is and the importance of naming, dating and saving their own work to avoid 'Copywrite'. They will recognise how to insert images into their own work which do not have a 'Copywrite'. The children will create their class book on the laptops and will record what they have learnt by changing the different fonts, colours and styles on the application 'Microsoft word'. They will then save, date and print off their work to create our class book surrounding Castles, Dragons and Knights!

Art:

Topic: Castles

The children will design their own coats of arms. They will use a range of different media including materials, paints and glitter to decorate their own designs. These will then be displayed on our new topic board. The children will also be working as a class designing castle flags.