

Year 2- Autumn Term 2026

Parent Curriculum Overview

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets
What would it be like to live in a castle in Wales?



English

- Children will read and explore traditional tales and portal stories.
- They will learn and retell *Jack and the Beanstalk*.
- Will explore settings and use descriptive language to bring their writing to life.
- Write their own stories.
- Explore the text *How to Catch a Giant*.
- Children will write a recount of their visit to Cardiff Castle.

We are reading...



Cymraeg

We will be continuing to communicate clearly and confidently in Welsh within the theme of:

- Themselves, their feelings and where they live.
- Weather and everyday topics.

Maths

We will be looking at:

- Children will explore place value and numbers to 100.
- They will develop addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.
- Children will learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- They will solve problems using practical resources and representations.
- Children will apply maths to castle-themed challenges.

Humanities

- Children will explore castles in Wales.
- They will investigate life in the past.
- Children will explore castle features and their purposes.
- They will sequence events and develop their historical understanding.
- Children will research and present information about a Welsh castle.

Expressive Arts

We will be focusing on:

- Children will explore medieval music, dance and drama.
- They will create artwork inspired by castles.
- Children will explore colour, texture and printing.
- They will evaluate their own and others' work.



Science & Technology

- Children will explore how castles are designed and built.
- They will select and test suitable materials.
- Children will investigate the strength of castle walls.
- They will record and present their findings.

Digital Skills

- Children will develop their ICT skills.
- They will create and label a digital castle.
- Children will use Hwb and Seesaw to create and save work.
- They will learn about online safety and digital footprints.

Health & Wellbeing

- Children will develop their movement, balance and coordination.
- They will create gymnastics sequences.
- Children will develop their throwing and catching skills.
- They will practice teamwork through games and activities.

Well-being

- Children will explore belonging, kindness and respect.
- They will learn about rights and responsibilities.
- Children will celebrate differences and diversity.
- They will develop strategies for managing emotions and responding to bullying.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Jump In Day: 21st September – dress up as knights, queens or a medieval character.

Educational Visit to Cardiff Castle: TBC

Jump Out Day: children celebrate work from this term