



## Year 2 – Spring 1 – Why are castles so important, after the Battle of Hastings?



**Big Bang Day** will be on 06/01/26.

We will spend the day exploring different castles using AI and will complete an escape room to see what our prior knowledge is about castles.

**Maths:** The children will be focusing on money by counting in pounds and pence. The children will also be comparing different amounts and finding different ways to make the same amount. They will then explore multiplication by using arrays and finding and making equal groups.

**English:** This term, children will be exploring the text 'The very last castle'. The children will be exploring characters, settings and will be exploring key themes such as curiosity and courage. They will then be writing a recount of our trip to the Tower of London and will write a mystery tale as a final published piece.

**Science:** No science unit this half term.

**History:** This term, the children will be diving into the fascinating history of the Battle of Hastings and discovering how this shaped the future of England. They will also explore the different types of castles and their crucial role within the medieval time.

**Computing:** This term, the children will be exploring the world of AI. The children will be comparing AI generated information and human made information. They will be using AI to generate different content that is based around our topic of castles.

**Art/DT:** This term, our art focus is printing. We will be using the artistic styles of Paul Klee and Mary Blair to create a mural of a castle. The children will be adding details and texture using block printing.

**Religious Education:** This term, the children will be building on their knowledge of Christianity from last year and will explore what Christians believe. The children will then explore the creation story and will compare Christianity and Judaism.

**Physical Education:** The children will be developing their running, throwing and catching skills through invasion games such as football, netball and basketball. Focusing on following rules and working as a team.

**Personal Development:** In Personal Development this term, the children will explore their love of learning and learn how the internet has changed over time. They will explore what are good choices and why they should be made.

**Examples:**



**Music:** Using Charanga's Model Music Curriculum, Year 2, Spring 1, the children will be learning a range of songs, beginning to understand certain aspects of music theory including time signatures, bars and bar lines.

**Phonics:** This half term, Year 2 will focus on key spelling patterns, including silent letters, dropping the e when adding suffixes, and different spellings of the /j/ sound. We will also revisit commonly confused words to build accuracy and confidence.

**Trips and Visits:** On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, year 2 will be visiting the Tower of London to participate in a workshop called 'Knights and Castles'.

**Core Text**

