Miss Thomas and Miss Spink
Year 2

Autumn 1 – 2026 - Castles



Important days/dates

PE— Every Monday and Friday

(both classes)

Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit including trainers. We would like children to bring their PE kits to school on Monday's and leave the kit at school for the week, if possible. Thank you.

Our Learning this half-term!

Learning this half-term in Year 2

Castles

Join us for a fantastic half term learning about Castles through time!

As Historians we will be finding out about why castles were built and how they have changed over time. We will find out about the Battle of Hastings and why the Normans needed to build the first castles in England. We will research the way of life of people in the past. We will look at who lived in a castle, what life was like for the different people living there, food they ate, and castle designs. In addition, we will look at why people acted as they did. We will explore real artefacts and secondary forms of evidence to find out about how people lived in the past compared to now. We will also visit a real castle to identify the parts and take part in a workshop to discover the reality of living and working in castles.

As Designers we will also plan and make our own throne for a soft toy using a variety of materials. We will test out our thrones and see which ones are stable enough for King and Queen teddy to sit on. In English we will be continuing with Read, Write, Inc building on our Year 1 knowledge and we will also be reading and writing castle themed stories, non-chronological reports and instructions.

Maths will begin with place value and move on to counting and number. We can't wait!

Reading diaries:

Children are required to read to you at home **at least** 3 times a week as part of their homework. Please ensure you record in the reading record when you have heard your child read so that we can complete their bookmark.

P.E—Monday and Friday

Gymnastics

Fundamentals

Spellings

Spellings will be tested on Friday's. Spelling tests will be completed in spelling books and sent home so that you can see your child's progress. New spellings will be issued in homework books every Friday.