



Towers, Tunnels and Turrets!

Y2

Curriculum Enrichment

Medieval WOW Day
Visit to Lincoln Castle
How to be a knight!



Home Learning

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets homework project (see letter for more details)

Weekly spellings

Home reading



Learning Environment

Castle reading den
Castle themed displays celebrating learning



Texts

The Tunnel - Anthony Brown
Non-fiction texts linked to castles and knights.



British Values

Strand: Mutual Respect & Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Through our History learning we will explore castles through the ages and their links to British and world History



Making a Difference to our World

Whole school physical-themed fundraising event - Fit to Fly week



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Year 2 Cycle A Term 1

Topic Overview

This term the children will be diving into our wonderful theme Towers, Tunnels and Turrets! One of the highlights of the term is sure to be our trip to the historic Lincoln Castle where the children will have opportunity to explore a real life castle, understand what life was like in a castle a long time ago, re-enact a medieval banquet, walk the castle walls and dress up as a knight in shining armour! The children will create their own junk model castles and create their own drawings of castles and towers from around the world. We will have a Medieval WOW Day where children can dress up and participate in a variety of medieval themed activities such as dancing, crafts and music.

We will be using the text *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne as a stimulus to develop narrative writing skills and extending from this, we will use atlases and globes to plot significant tunnels and towers from around the world.

Our Fit to Fly week will focus on aspects of being healthy, such as clean food choices, the importance of keeping active and developing a positive mind set.

Subject Focus

Design and Technology

Geography

History

Programmes of Study

English

We will cover the following genres of writing within our learning experiences this term:

- Recount/retell - *The Tunnel*, trip to Lincoln Castle
- Narrative – *The Tunnel* (character description, setting, story sequencing)
- Explanations – How to be a knight
- Instructions – How to make a model castle

Maths

The Number System and Place Value
Addition and Subtraction
Money
Division and Multiplication

Geography

Amazing Structures around the World - famous towers and tunnels from around the world and their locations
Towers and bridges in the local area

History

Castles and castle life, including local history

Science

Animals, including Humans (the importance of keeping healthy)
Uses of everyday materials
Working scientifically

Art and Design

Drawing skills – developing a range of techniques using pencils and charcoal such as shading to explore tone.

Design and Technology

Making models of castles – designing, making and evaluating their finished product.