



YEAR 5 TERM 4

Curriculum Overview- Is this town a good place to live - what do you think?

Have you ever wondered why people in the past chose to live here?

We will be thinking about why people in the past chose to live where they did? Together, we are going to find out about the places where people lived and settled, considering the idea of safety and how this has changed. As well as Dover Castle, we will be studying local defences including the Martello Towers and Western Heights. We will be looking at different countries as well as different times in history and different societies. We will be carrying out an in-depth historical study into the structures that have been used to protect, defend and fortify.

As diligent designers, we will use our science learning around levers and pulleys to design, make and evaluate a siege tower. We will manage our own risks as we use a wide range of tools and equipment to make our towers accurately.

English

We are reading 'Beowulf' by Michael Murpugo and will be using the text as inspiration for our own narrative writing and letters. We will be thinking about the vocabulary choices of the author and the impact this has on our understanding of the text, to support our own choices within our writing. For non-fiction we will be looking at Castle guide books, and writing our own non-chronological report. The children are very excited to use their Learning Lift Off trip to Dover Castle to write a guide, in preparation for their return visit at the end of term where they will use their guide with you!

Maths

We will be working on our knowledge of fractions and will look at:

- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Mixed number and improper fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Multiplying proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers

Topic Maths

We will be working on our knowledge of angles properties of shape and looking at:

- Angles on a straight line and one whole turn
- Using the properties of rectangles
- Regular and irregular polygons
- Reflection and translation of shapes.

SPELLING SPOTLIGHT -

Spellings will focus on the endings of adjectives and suffixes including -ible, -ibly, -able, -ably. We will consider how to change adjectives to adverbs using suffixes.

Key Dates -

We will have our Learning Lift off on Thursday 22nd February when we will visit Dover Castle. Children will look at the defences of the Castle in preparation for their return visit on the 28th March for our Learning Landing. Parents/carers are invited to come along and be shown around by their children, who are excited to share our learning with you!

Key Vocabulary -

Fortify - provide a place with defensive works as protection against attacks.

Defend - resist an attack on someone or something to protect them from harm or danger.

Siege - a military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies.

Chronology - the arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence.

Source - a place, person or thing from which something originates or can be obtained.