

Literacy

The Children will be learning about traditional tales, particularly Jack and the beanstalk and his adventures to the Giant's castle. We will also be looking at information texts and making a leaflet for our own castles (See D and T). After half term we will begin our Victorians topic which has a drama and role play element. The children will use this experience to focus on writing a recount from the point of view of a Victorian child. As Christmas arrives we will be looking at Charles Dickens novels, particularly "The Christmas Carol".

Science

This term we will be looking at materials and their properties. We will be categorising materials into groups and developing experiments to find the best materials for William, Duke of Normandy to use to protect his castle. We will also look at living things. This includes observational drawings, local and distant habitats and food chains.



PE

In PE Grasshoppers will be focusing on the skills and tactics needed to play invasion games, such as throwing, catching, defence and team work.

ICT

Safety will be the main focus of ICT over this term, teaching the children how to be safe and respectful whilst on the internet, including keeping personal information private and where to go for support.

Numeracy

The children are following the new 2014 Numeracy National Curriculum, linking into our topic where applicable.

Grasshopper Class...

CASTLES

and

Victorians



Autumn 2018

PSHE

The children are exploring 'getting on and falling out' this term. There will be a focus on how to be a good friend and dealing with emotions particularly anger. In addition to this we are taking part in Votes for Schools and each week we will spend time discussing a current issue as a class.

RE

Grasshoppers will explore religious stories and talk about their meanings. They will learn to recognise the importance of these tales to some people and the difference it can make to their lives.

History

Our focus will be on the Castles in the first half term and Victorians in the second
Castles: The children will be learning about William, Duke of Normandy and his conquest at the Battle of Hastings. We will be exploring what life was like in Norman England through the jobs people did and the food they ate.
Victorians: The second half of the term we will be focusing on daily life as a Victorian child and comparing then and now.

D & T and Art

We will be designing and making a 3D motte and bailey castle in teams this term, using mod rock, card and paper.

During our Victorian topic we will be drawing from real life focusing on the artwork of William Morris and creating our own natural designs based on his work on plants and animals. In addition we will also be looking at Victorian crafts, like sewing and card making.