



Linked learning theme: Knights, Dragons and Castles

Summer term, Year 1 (6 to 8 weeks)

History– Castles

Prior knowledge

In EYFS, children have learnt about the past through settings, characters and events encountered in stories.

Core knowledge

- Our ancestors built castles for royalty and to protect people from invasions.
- A castle has a keep which is the central part of the castle.
- A castle has a tower which is taller and used for defence.
- A castle has a turret which is a very good place to look out from.
- Scarborough castle looked different in the past to what it looks like now.
- Over time, Scarborough Castle has been involved in invasions which have damaged the structure.

Key skills

- Ask simple questions to find out more about the history of castles.
- Use sources to find out more about the history of Scarborough castle (paintings, photographs, news articles, visit to the castle).
- Read and produce a simple timeline of events.
- Identify similarities and differences between Scarborough castle and castles around the UK and the world.

Vocabulary

Castle	Drawbridge	Ditches	Knights
Keep	Moat	Local	Soldiers
Tower	Flag	Defences	Military
Turret	Castle walls	Kings/Queens	Change
Consequence	Similarity	Difference	Significance

Learning Outcomes

- I can identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- I can ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that I understand key features and events.
- I can use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms.