

Autumn Term 2  
2025



# Castles





Year 2  
7 week study

## What is it all about?

In this topic, your child will learn about castles and the features of a castle. The children will also describe the importance of Calshot Castle and explain the local links to Calshot Castle and Henry VIII.



## Curriculum Focus:

Subject:	Outcomes:	Vocabulary:	Key facts to learn:
<b>In History children will:</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* describe and identify castles.</li> <li>* describe the importance of Calshot Castle.</li> <li>* describe the local links to Calshot Castle and Henry VIII</li> </ul>	castle, Henry VIII, defensive, royalty, invasion, structure, stone, moat, keep	<p><u>What is a castle?</u> A castle is a fortified building built in middle ages by the royalty. (500 AD to 1450 AD)</p> <p><u>Why were castles built?</u> Castles were built as defensive structures and homes for noblemen.</p> <p><u>Who had castles built?</u> Noblemen and royalty.</p> <p><u>What is the importance of Calshot Castle?</u> Calshot Castle is an artillery fort constructed by Henry VIII on the Calshot Spit, Hampshire, England, between 1539 and 1540. It formed part of the King's Device programme to protect against invasion from France and the Holy Roman Empire and defend Southampton Water as it met the Solent.</p>
<b>In Art children will:</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use an even weaving technique to create a rug.</li> </ul>	weaving, up, down, in, out, pattern, fabric, wool, thread	<p><u>Who is Eva Salazar?</u> Eva Salazar is a basket weaver in North America.</p> <p><u>What is weaving?</u> Weaving is when different yarns are woven at right angles to create a piece of fabric.</p> <p><u>How do you weave different materials?</u> Weaving is created when a up and down action is used to join two yarns together.</p>
<b>In D.T. children will:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* design, make and evaluate a pizza.</li> </ul>	soft, crunchy, sweet, smooth, sharp, crisp, sour, hard, healthy diet, choosing, ingredients, planning, investigating, tasting, arranging, popular, design, evaluate, criteria	<p><u>How can we prepare vegetables?</u> Vegetables can be prepared in a range of ways (e.g. grating, cutting, peeling).</p>
<b>In Computing children will:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*information can be presented in a range of ways.</li> <li>*computer software can help us present data.</li> </ul>	collect, question, present, sort, label, count	<p><u>How can we present data?</u> By using computer software.</p>

## Outcome:

At the end of the topic the children will be able to describe the local links to Calshot Castle and Henry VIII.

In addition to the topic based learning outlined above, your child will also be learning the following.

In English: Children will write reports about castles, stories, instructions and poems to entertain.

In Maths: Children use and recall multiplication and division facts using the 2 and 10 times tables.

In R.E: Children will learn why Christmas is important to Christians.

In P.E.: Children will create and perform simple dances and develop their throwing and catching skills.

In Computing: Children will be learning how to present data using computer software.

In Music: Children will be learning about dynamics, timbre and structure and how to use their voice.

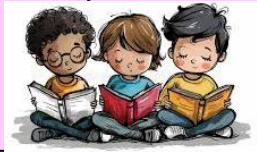
In Science: Children will be learning about animals and how they use their senses.

In P.S.H.E.: Children will be learning 'How to Let Love In' and feel positive about themselves.

In D.T.: Children will be designing and making pizzas.

### Ways to support your child at home:

- ❖ Draw/make your own castle.
- ❖ Find out about local castles (Calshot Castle, Hurst Castle).
- ❖ Play your maths game each week.
- ❖ Learn weekly spellings.
- ❖ Read at least 3 times a week.



### Important Dates:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Anti-Bullying Week  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day - children can dress as an evacuee  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need - non uniform day  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November- Interfaith Week  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November AM Calshot Castle Trip**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Non Uniform day- bring a bottle for the Christmas tombola  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December- Christmas Craft Day - Children to wear a Christmas jumper  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity performance - 2.30pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December Nativity - 9.30am - adults only, no younger siblings  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December PTFA Christmas Wrap Room Event and Christmas lunch  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service at All Saints Church  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas parties and Christmas school disco  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - INSET Day

### PE

Tuesdays and Fridays  
Please keep PE kit in school.

### The World:



This half term our focus continent is:  
**Europe**



### Focus Author:

This half term we are reading books by  
**Lauren Child.**

