

Sheriffhales Primary School

This half term our topic is Castles! The children will again be looking at fiction and non-fiction. We will be looking at different types of castle, why they were built, how they were built, what life was like inside a castle. We will be constructing our own castles in Design and Technology lessons, examining materials for building in Science, mapping out castles in Geography and of course the theme is very much rooted in History study.

The homework menu has been linked to our Topic work where possible and the children are encouraged to complete further work to support and enrich their learning within school. Some of the activities require adult support and we really do appreciate the time you take to support your child’s learning. We hope you will have fun together completing one or more of them!

We are keen to provide the children with as many interesting opportunities as possible and really do appreciate the support of parents and carers within the school.

Best wishes

The Willow Class Team



Homework Menu

Remember it is vitally important that you regularly practice your bread and butter homework -your spellings and number fluency. The menu is to enhance your skills and knowledge , and further your interests.

A delicious range of activities for you to choose from!

Choose at least one, but more if you are hungry. for Dojos!

Class: Willow

Year Group: Year 2

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Your menu:

**Maths**

* Walls! Measure, count, mortar recipes, brick patterns, calculate number of bricks / stones needed.
* Work out how long ago castles were built from dates.
* Telling the time (to 5 minute intervals)-create a daily schedule for a Knight. Show the time for each activity-How long does each activity last?
* Practice number bonds to 100.
* Research money from medieval times-set up a medieval shop.

**English**

* Complete weekly spellings.
* Read for 15 minutes each day to someone else.
* Watch A Brave Knight - Story time 62 on YouTube, make a book which retells the story – add in changes if you like
* Keep a diary for a week from when you were a knight or lived in a castle
* Ask your family members to be castle characters and interview them about their lives.

**Science**

* Build your own castle – use junk, lego, or go large outdoors using rocks, bricks and tarpaulin.
* Using sand or soil in a large container build a castle with a moat around it – how will you get the water to stay?
* Have a go at weaving or knitting with wool, string, ripped up old t-shirts.
* Design and make a new medieval style toy-Choose the most suitable material.

**Other subjects**

* Listen to Greensleeves,

A variety of medieval style music available on YouTube, make a court style dance.

* Research different types of castles, for example motte and bailey.
* Have a game of archery.
* Find out about the types of food eaten in medieval times and cook a medieval feast! Decorate your room ready for the feast!

### Why a menu

Homework is set so that you get better at what you can do, and so that you learn new skills.

If we all have the same homework, it will be easy for some and harder for others. If the homework doesn’t appeal to us we will put less effort in.

If we have a degree of choice, we will take more pride in what we produce.

### The choices

The choices offered to you each term cover a range of subjects and link to the topic you have been working on in class

### The rules

You must select and complete at least one item from the menu. You can hand in your homework at any point during the half term in which it is set. You may do additional menu items and this will earn you dojos depending on the quality of your work.