

## Science

**Plants** - The children will plant and observe the growth of plants in our outdoor area. They will also learn about the lifecycles and different parts of plants.

**Everyday Materials** - distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Children will be taught to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.

## ICT/Computing

Entering text into a 2simple program to communicate information.

Using the internet safely to research a topic.

Using programs like PowerPoint to present information.

## Geography

Children will learn to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

Children will understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non European country.  
C/C English information texts

## English

Poetry & Patterned texts - 'The House that Jack Built'  
Narrative - Journey stories & Defeating Monsters & villains - Meerkat Mail.

Non-Fictions - Information texts linked to Meerkat Mail linked to Geography. Information texts linked to our history topic 'From caves to castles.'

Ongoing Letters and Sounds phonics and spelling programme  
Handwriting skills.

Non chronological texts linked to Castles.

## Other Texts/Resources

Meerkat Mail, The house that Jack built, The Town Mouse & The Country Mouse.

## Year 1 Spring Curriculum Overview

# From Caves to Castles

## History

Events beyond living memory - Homes in the past and life in a medieval castle.

## Religious Education:

Exploring different types of religious books - The Bible, The Torah, The Qu'ran.

## Music

Children will be taught to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.  
Play untuned instruments musically.

## DT/Art

**DT** - Children will be taught to design purposeful, functional and appealing products for themselves based on a design criteria linked to our topic.

**ART** - Paintings of houses & homes experimenting with different mediums. Designing medieval coats of arms. Making models of castles with clay.

## Maths

Children will continue o develop their understanding of place value, number, measures, shape, position and time as set out in the new National Curriculum.

**Number** - addition, subtraction, doubling, halving, number bonds to 10 → counting in 2's and 10's, multiplication & division.

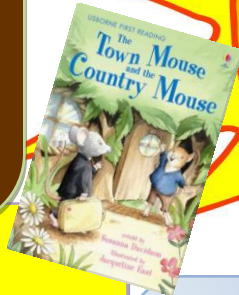
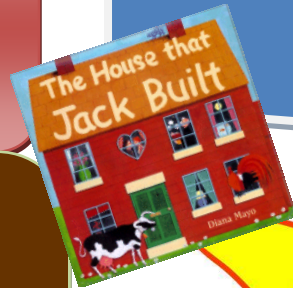
Non standard & standard units of **measure** - length, height, width, weight, capacity.

2D and 3D **shapes & patterns** linked to 'from castles to caves'

**Time** including O'clock & half past.

## Wow Days

Trip to Colchester Castle.



## PE

Children will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

## PSHE

Our school rules.  
Exploring feelings & emotions - Meerkat Mail.  
Accepting our differences - The Town Mouse & The Country Mouse.