

Home-Learning Ideas – LKS2 Theme: Castles

When a learning activity has been completed, the box can be coloured in. When all the boxes have been coloured – try the challenge boxes

English – Castle Challenges for All

What do you already know about castles? Take the castle challenges to get your brain warmed up ready for new learning. This is called

activation of prior knowledge

English – Castle Talk

How many castle-related words do you know? Learn even more by using the glossary to label the poster.

Green – easier, **yellow** – get you thinking, **pink** – set yourself a challenge

English – Castle Conclusions 1 and 2

Read the guide to medieval castles and then find the relevant information for each heading

English – Under Siege!

Read all about the attack and defence methods used relating to castles. Use the information to label the pictures.

There are two **reading challenges** you can take after this activity

English – Castle Composition

1. Practise some **Standard English** with the **correct use of was and were**
2. Choose a writing activity from the table of choices

Key Text:

In the pack



Maths Challenge...

GAME... Sheet: Last One Loses



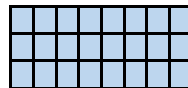
Play this game from the LANCS maths team.
Suitable for ALL ages.

Can you work out how to win **EVERY** time?

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkh0UayhsUc>

Maths Challenge...

Each day, pick a times table fact e.g. $3 \times 8 = 24$
Draw the array... "three eights are twenty four"



Write as many related facts as you can...

$$3 \times 8 = 24, \quad 8 \times 3 = 24, \quad 24 \div 3 = 8, \quad 24 \div 8 = 3$$

$$30 \times 8 = 240, \quad 3 \times 80 = 240, \quad 240 \div 3 = 80$$

Maths

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| 342 | 423 | 4,203 | 234 | 323.4 |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|

Pick one of the numbers above (pick a different number each day).
Then do each of these to the number...

- What is the value of the 4 digit?
- Round to the nearest 10.
- Multiply by 10.
- Double the number.
- Add 109 (what is the best strategy?)
- Subtract 99 (what is the best strategy?)

Now try these:

1. How many 10p coins are needed to make £5:00?
2. Ben finished his homework in 49 minutes. Sam was 3 minutes quicker. How long did she take?
3. How many days are in 6 weeks?
4. What is double 19?
5. What is half of 68?
6. If 4 apples cost 40p, how much will 3 apples cost?

If you find the correct answers, what do you notice?

Maths Challenge

Sheet: Shield of Symmetry



Help Sir Lernalot finish his symmetrical shield.

Then design your own and create a symmetrical labyrinth for the castle.



There are some lessons online at the Oak National Academy:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-complete-a-simple-symmetrical-figure/>

History

In the past children were given terrible jobs to do. Read all about the jobs that some children in Scotland had to do on the sheet in your pack.

What jobs do you do in your home? Which jobs are you glad that you don't do and why? Why do you think children were chosen to do awful jobs in the past but not now?



Art Castle silhouette

You could draw the outline of a castle on black paper or colour one in to create a silhouette.



Use pieces of ripped paper to create different techniques such as collage, layering and overlapping to create an interesting background for your castle.

DT Challenge

When there were feasts in the Great Hall of castles the food was decorated with feathers and fruit. Can you make your feasts look more interesting? There are some ideas on the "fun food" sheet in the pack.



Science

Forces & Levers



An attacking army might use a trebuchet to throw rocks at the castle.

**How do they work?
Try experimenting.**

Sheet: KS2 Trebuchet – Levers

This BBC video helps to explain Levers and Forces:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zrp6n39>

PE

Daily PE lessons with Joe Wicks

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC AxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>



RE/PSHE

Castles would fly banners or flags which would have a symbol (type of picture) on to show who the castle belonged to.

Knights and soldiers would wear tunics and/or carry shields with the castle 'coat of arms' on so it was clear which lord they were fighting for.

Look at the sheet in the pack to help you design your own 'coat of arms'/pictures/symbols to decorate a shield or a flag or even a football scarf.



Geography

Maps and aerial photographs



Look at the map of Bodiam Castle in East Sussex compared to the aerial photograph of the castle.

Can you complete this table.

| What is the same? | What is different? |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Water is shown in both. | Trees are shown in aerial photo |
| | |

E-Safety

Don't forget how to stay safe when you're using the internet at home.

Look at some of the help on...



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>