

Reception - Do all Giants live in castles?

Key vocabulary:

Giant- An imaginary creature who is tall and strong and sometimes mean.

Castle- A large strong building built by an important person to protect themselves.

Drawbridge - A bridge over a castle's moat.

Battlements - The spaced squared openings at the top of the wall.

Kind- To be helpful and think about the feelings of others.

Healthy- Being strong and well and not poorly or sick.

Beanstalk- The stem of a bean plant that grows very quickly.

Plant- A living thing that grows and has a stem, leaves, roots and flowers or seeds,

What features do all castles have? Do people still live in castles nowadays?

Learning Sequence:

What stories do we know that have a castle in? Who lives/works in that castle? Can we retell the story?

Who else may live/work in a castle?

Do we know any castles near us?

Can we discuss features of a castle and use our letter sounds to label them?

Can we make our own castle by finding suitable shape junk modelling materials and joining them together?

Can we use tools to do this safely?

Topic - Key knowledge and skills: what will we be learning and practising?

- To talk about features in their own environment. making observations of weather and plants.
- To find out key facts about castles and discuss how these differ from their homes.
- To use a range of construction materials to create junk model castles.
- To make large-scale constructions, enclosures and create spaces in which to play.
- To use tools for a purpose, shaping, assembling and joining materials.

Literacy and Mathematics - key knowledge and skills: what will we be learning and practising?

- Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding out letters of the alphabet.
- Writes name and other things such as labels and captions.
- Read and write some common irregular words.
- Explain and describe characters and setting in a familiar story.
- Compare groups of objects using more than, less than, the same and order groups by amount.
- To begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.
- To order 2 items by length

Our key texts:



Sequence of learning for Phonics and Tricky words

- Recap phase 2 graphemes and Tricky words
- **Set 6:** j, v, w, x
- **Set 7:** y, z, zz, qu
- **Consonant digraphs:** ch, sh, th, ng
- **Vowel digraphs:** ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er
- He, she, we, me, be, was, you, they, all, are, my, her,

Interesting fact:

The smallest person can always outsmart the most terrible giant.

Key Question: Do all Giants live in castles?

Final Outcome: The children will research and find out about features of castles and look at castles that are still around nowadays. They will then demonstrate their knowledge by making their own 3D castles using a variety of materials, tools and techniques.