

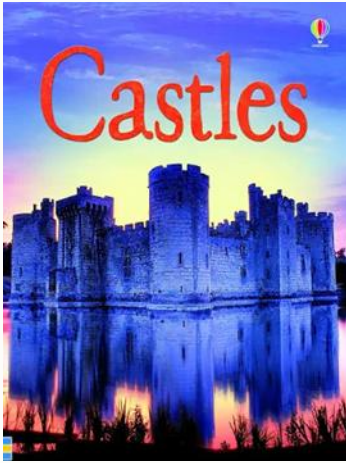
Do you need a castle to Conquer?

Term 6 2025-2026

Dear Beech class,

Our new topic for term 6 is 'Do you need a castle to conquer?' We will be learning about the Battle of Hastings and using our understanding of timelines to place this event alongside the other historical events we have learnt this year. We will also be finding out about the materials used to make castles and link this to our science unit. Our art this term will focus on portraits of kings and queens!

Some of the texts we will be using for our learning are:



Useful Websites to support learning

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/kids-castles/>
















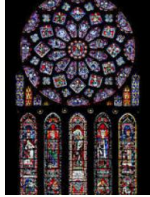
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Learning Map Term 6 2025-2026

What are we learning this term?

Literacy	 Leaflet writing	 Narrative	 Comparisons
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<p>Maths</p>	<p>Measures</p> 	<p>Time</p> 	<p>Position and direction</p> 
<p>Science</p>	<p>Materials</p>  		
<p>Geography</p>	<p>The battle of Hastings and comparing castles</p>  		
<p>Music</p>		<p>Listening, composing and performing</p>	<p>Tchaikovsky's 'Sleeping Beauty' Ballet 'Once upon a Dream' from Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty'</p>
<p>Computing</p>		<p>Systems, networks and word processing</p>	
<p>PSHE</p>		<p>Portraits of kings and queens</p>	
<p>DT</p>		<p>Growing and changing</p>	
<p>RE</p>		<p>What makes places sacred to believers?</p>	

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>recording this on Boom Reader.</u></p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. Beech class will have access to the library every day and can choose a book to come home with. This could be a book to read by themselves to go alongside their phonics reading book or by an adult. Using our library promotes a love of reading and choosing books that interest them.</p> <p>The reading and phonics books will be changed on a Monday.</p>
Phonics Year 1	<p>A weekly reading phonics sheet will come home on a Friday which shares with you the phonics and words they have covered during the week. We encourage the children to read this as well as their reading books to review the sounds and words they have read that week. These reads can also be logged on Boom reader.</p>
Maths	<p>For optional Maths activities, please see the termly maths sheet which will share the focus learning for the term and suggested activities you could complete with your child at home. We are encouraging the children to learn to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, year 2 have been counting in 3's and starting to learn their 3 times tables too.</p>

Useful information and reminders:

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **reading book** each day. We use their books daily.
- We use our outside area daily so please make sure you bring in a hat or coat depending on the weather.
- Our PE days are **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.
- Please could you check that all clothing for term 6 is named including any spare clothes in their PE bags.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mackarness and Mrs Teixeira