

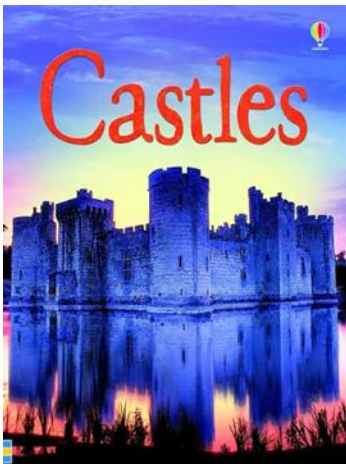
Do you need a castle to Conquer?

Term 6 2025-2026

Dear Cherry 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/>




<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6bpm39>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv>

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>Art</p>		<p>Portraits of kings and queens</p>	
<p>PSHE</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. When reading with your child, please acknowledge each time your child reads by recording this on Boom Reader. (If you do not know your login, please speak to Mrs Pike or Mrs Thurman.)</p> <p>During reading sessions, please practise sounding out unfamiliar words by encouraging your child to apply their phonics sounds. You can also help develop your child's understanding of the book by asking them questions about what they are reading. Children are encouraged to change their supplementary books regularly, please can you help remind your child when their books need changing. If your child has a Little Wandle book, this will be changed once per week, however the supplementary book can be changed as often as they would like.</p>
Phonics Year 1	Alongside the newsletter you will find our Weekly Phonics overview- please read through these words with your child at home to supplement the Phonics teaching we will be completing in class.
Spelling Year 1 Year 2	<p>We will not be setting weekly Spellings.</p> <p>Please practice the attached spellings that will be covered across the term in class.</p> <p>In addition, optional Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation activities will be set for the term in your Year 2 child's CPG book. You can work through these at a pace that works for your child.</p>
Maths Year 1 Year 2	<p>Please continue to help your child to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and then begin to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</p> <p>For optional Maths activities, please work through Section 5 of your child's CPG book. You can work through these at a pace that works for your child. Please also encourage your child to practice their times tables. Their Times Tables Rockstars login has been sent home. If you need any support accessing it please let us know.</p>

Useful information and reminders:

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag each day. We use their books daily so these need to be placed in a basket as they come into the classroom.
- The children will need a named sunhat as the weather gets warmer.
- Please ensure your child applies suncream before coming to school and if needed they can apply more at lunchtime.
- Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays so please send your child into school in their PE kit on these days.

Snacks:

Just a quick reminder that the school does provide a healthy snack each day for the children. However, if you would prefer to send your child in with their own snack, please ensure it is **one healthy snack only** (such as fruit or vegetables).

We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Thurman and Mrs Pike