

**Key Questions:**

- Week 1: What are castles?
- Week 2: What was it really like to live in a castle?
- Week 3: What kinds of people lived in a castle and what did they do?
- Week 4: Who were the knights?
- Week 5: What was it like to be in a battle?
- Week 6: What did they wear and eat?

**Maths**

2D and 3D shaped castle.  
 Archery doubles  
 Measures - height of castle walls, length of scaling ladders,  
 capacity of oil buckets, weight of catapult missiles

**Science**

Building a working castle model  
 Catapult investigation  
 Draw bridges - Push and Pull  
 Materials - Making their own costumes.  
 Baking - Exploring castle foods.  
Home Task  
*Talk with your child after the trip, look through recipe books for meals they would have eaten in the castle.*

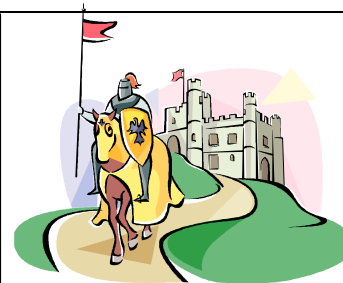
**ICT**

Week 1: Draw picture of self with a knights helmet or a Maid Marian hat for classroom wall.  
 Week 2: Draw a diagram of a castle  
 Week 3: Design the characters from Rapunzel  
 Week 4: Castle Creator  
 Week 5: Designing your own coat of arms.  
 Week 6: Writing castle poem on the computer  
 Use digi blue to create story of Rapunzel with characters and cardboard castles.

**Castles Topic**

**Spring 2012**  
**Year 1**

**Newsletter**



**Literacy**

Week 1 and 2 - Rapunzel - Traditional Tales (Pie Corbett)  
 Week 3 - Writing Assessments  
 Week 4 - Recount Texts  
 Week 5 - Information Texts

**Geography/ History**

Week 1: Geographical locations of castles/ Parts of the castle and their functions.  
 Week 2: Castle floor plan, castle toys, castle days  
 Week 3: People and jobs in the castle  
 Week 4: Knights, stories of knights, becoming a knight.  
 Week 5: Famous battles, weapons, how castles are defensive.  
 Week 6: Medieval clothes and food.

**Art and DT**

Week 1 - Classroom decoration. Creating a castle. Cardboard castle role play, cardboard slit windows  
 Week 2 - Create own castles or towers out of cardboard boxes.  
 Week 3 - Paul Klee (Castle and Sun)  
 Week 4 - Jousting knights.  
 Week 5 - Create your own shields  
 Week 6 - Making your own costume - knight helmet, Maid Marian hats, tabard, bodice  
Home Task  
*Make a model of a castle with your child using empty cereal boxes.*

**Enrichment**

Trip to Manor Castle  
 Medieval Day - Banquet  
 Medieval dancing  
 Jesters - Juggling

**P.E.**

Learn medieval dance to Greensleeves  
 Large apparatus, movement  
 Ball skills  
Home Task  
*Practice throwing and catching skills with your child.*