


Class/Year: Year 2	Start Date: 12 th June 2023		Finish Date: 21 st July 2023	
		Hook: Children will look at lots of photos, videos and artefacts to do with castles and castle life.		
		Rationale: Children will have an understanding of characteristic features of life in castles in the past and develop a sense of continuity and change between then and now. They will be able to use a range of sources and deduce changes and differences, using evidence to explain their ideas.		
		Outcome: Children will be able to describe why castles were built, who lived in them and what jobs they did. They will be able to talk about life in our local castle at Carisbrooke.		
Castles and Castle life	Focus Area: History Why were castles built and what was life like in castles? Using a range of sources and artefacts, we will explore how castles were built for defence, what the main features of castle buildings were, what sort of people lived in castles and what jobs they did. We will experience a real life castle and learn about how the castle was run in the past. We will put all of our knowledge and understanding together to design and create our own perfect castles using drawings and construction materials.		Focus Area: Geography Are all islands the same? Children will compare physical and human characteristics of the Isle of Wight and Madagascar. They will use atlases, aerial photographs and maps to research and explore what each place is like. They will be able to talk about similarities and difference between the two contrasting locations.	
			Supporting Focus Area: Science Children will put their knowledge to the test while visiting Carisbrooke Castle, to see if they can identify the plants and flowers that grow in the garden there. We will produce detailed observational drawings of the flowers and plants to further understand their botanical anatomy. Back in the classroom, we will look at pollination, deciduous and evergreen trees.	
	Discrete Teaching Programmes: Reading Phonics Spelling Handwriting Mathematics Music RE PE Computing DT English - I'll Take you to Mrs Cole by Nigel Gray - Letter writing Linked Teaching Programmes: SRE - Differences and changing Art - Abstract art and photography			
	Family Linked Learning project: Make an historical representation of a castle! Research real life castles and get creative with junk modelling. Can you include a keep, turrets, a drawbridge, portcullis and strong castle walls?			
				