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Year 6 Learning Newsletter

Summer Term 2

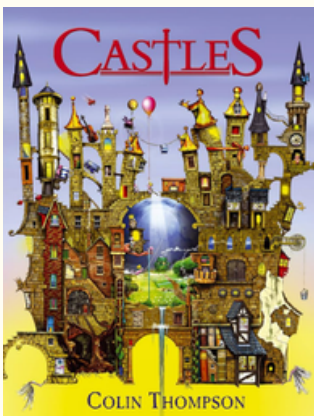


HOOK

Year 6 classrooms became Estate Agents that specialise in the sale of unique and enchanting castles, displaying pictures of fantastic fantasy castles designed by Colin Thompson!

Artist Simon Chadwick visited Year 6 to teach the children how to draw their own fantasy castle. They will then have fun 'selling' these castles later on in the topic!

RICH READS



Main Focus

The topic will focus upon:

- **English** where the children will write persuasive letters selling their unique castles, write a story opening and write a diary entry as a ghost in a ghost story.
- **Geography** where the children will use atlases to discover locations around the world with differing climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.
- **Science** where the children will investigate the movement of light.
- **Art** where the children will learn about famous architects and castles around the world.
- **PSHE** where the children will learn about keeping safe online and the dangers of harmful substances.
- **RSE** where the children will learn about changes in their body as they get older.
- **Computing** where the children design their own castle using a Computer Aided Design (CAD) software.

Topic Words

castle, residence, tower, turret, bridge, moat, location, vista, landscape, entrance, staircase, panorama, picturesque, design, rural, secluded, equipped, appointed, unique, opportunity, vast, purchase, discover, decision, investment, privacy

Learning Experiences

- **Hook:** workshop delivered by Simon Chadwick. Sketching a fantasy castle, critiquing estate agent sales pitches.
- **Art:** create junk model castles linked to Gaudi.
- **PSHE:** experiencing a 'Money Management' workshop linked to keeping money safe.
- **Geography:** using atlas skills, comparing climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.
- **English:** writing a persuasive castle sales pitch.
- **English:** writing a gothic 'haunted castle' story opening to create a cliff hanger.
- **English:** writing a diary entry based on a ghost story.
- **Science:** teamwork, investigations, creating periscopes.
- **Computing:** learning how to use CAD (Computer Aided Design) software to design a 3D model of a castle.
- **RE:** learning about managing transitions with Southampton City Mission.

Home Learning Activities

In Upper School, your child has two weekly Home Learning tasks:

- 1) Reading – due every Wednesday
- 2) Times Tables – due every Monday



To complete the Space Race, they will need to read three times a week and record it in their reading diary.

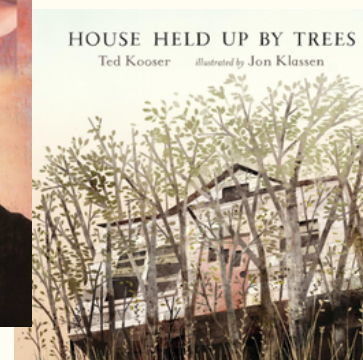
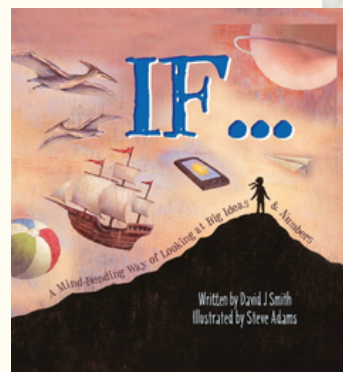
Spelling



Your child will be focusing upon learning these compulsory words this half term. Please help them practise at home:

guarantee, leisure, determined, amateur, foreign, exaggerate

IF YOUR CHILD ENJOYS 'CASTLES', THEY MAY LIKE:



Outcome

During this topic, the children will design their own fantasy castle and learn the skills of persuasive writing to take on the role of an estate agent 'selling' their castle.

They will present these to each other and a champion estate agent will be announced!

