Year 2: Autumn Term: Castles and Dragons

Key Driver: Sticky Knowledge about Castles and Dragons

- ☐ Knights wore armour to protect themselves in battle. This included a helmet and chainmail.
- Medieval banquets included lots of meat such as swan and eel! Some food that we eat today wouldn't have been eaten in medieval castles (such as marshmallows and pizza)!
- ☐ Castles had a deep trench or ditch called a moat that was usually filled with water. If people wanted to invade they would have trouble crossing the moat!
- ☐ A drawbridge was used as a way to stop or allow people in or out of the castle. It could be raised up when not in use.



☐ Arrow slits were used to defend a castle from invaders. These narrow slits were cut into the stone walls and used to shoot arrows through.

Secondary Drivers: Art

- ☐ To mix colours using paints and pastels to reflect mood and tone.
- ☐ Create a piece of work in response to Paul Klee Castles in the Sun.



☐ Make a dragon using egg boxes, paint and card.





PSHE: Identify the 5 areas of well-being.

PE: Perform a medieval dance. Carry out multi-skills activities.

Music: Learn songs about castles.

RE: Learn about the religion of Islam.

Year 2: Materials Knowledge and Skills Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Interesting Book	Sticky Knowledge
materials	Is what something is made of, e.g. wood or plastic.	What If Rain Boots Were Made of Paper? by Kevin Beals and P. David Pearson illustrated by Tim Haggerty	about materials
metal	When heated, metals can be shaped into anything from a tiny paperclip to a huge aircraft.		☐ Wood is used to make buildings and
plastic	Plastics are made from natural materials such as wood, coal and oil.		furniture and for making fires and heating.
glass	It usually lets light shine through. Glass is a man made material that can be formed into all kinds of shapes.		☐ Plastics are used to make many of the things we use in everyday life. They are used for toys, bicycle helmets, mobile phones, window frames and many other items use plastic.
wood	Wood is a material that comes from trees and is used to make furniture, floors and many other things	 Know why some materials are more suitable than others for specific uses Know why glass, wood, plastic, brick or paper would be used for certain jobs. Know that some materials can be squashed, twisted or bent according to need. Know why certain materials are suitable for many different uses. 	☐ Glass is often used to make windows and bottles.
transparent	Is a material that allows light to pass through so that objects behind can be seen.		☐ Most of the paper or cardboard we use came from trees.
waterproof	Is a material that does not allow water or liquid through.		Main Scientific Skill
squashing	Squashing is pushing things closely together.		daught in the Materials topic. Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
bending	Bending is changing the shape and direction of something.		
twisting	To twist something you move part clockwise and the other anticlockwise.		
stretching	Stretching is making something bigger by pulling it to make it longer.		