

Year 2 Hornbeam: Term: Spring 1

Big Question: Why were castles so important after the Battle of Hastings? This term, we will be looking at a significant event in British history that led to big changes – The Battle of Hastings and William the Conqueror.

Hook Children will receive a mystery letter from a guard inviting them to a magical place!

Spring 1 Key Dates

First day of term: Monday 6th January
Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February
Last day of term: Thursday 13th February
INSET Day: Friday 14th February (school closed to children)
Local Visit: Monday 27th January Lesnes Abbey
Hornbeam Class Sharing Assembly Friday 18th April

Subjects

English

In writing, we will be learning about the features of a letter enabling us to write and post a letter to a friend! We will also be writing a mystery tale based on our key text - The Very Last Castle.

Maths

In Maths, we will be working with money and solving problems with multiplication and division.

Science

We do not have a science topic this term.

Geography

In History, we will be learning about the Battle of Hastings, how castles were built from this time and how they developed over time. We will also be looking at the features of castles and who lived in them.

Art/DT

In Art, we will learn how to make prints using shapes and create our own designs with block printing.

Music

In Music, we will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder. We will look at music notation and following simple rhythms.

Computing

In Computing children will learn about AI research and how to use different AI tools responsibly.

R.E.

In RE, we will be looking at caring for our communities, the Earth and why this matters.

P.E.

In PE, students will develop Net & Wall Game skills, focusing on coordination, teamwork, and basic strategies through activities like building confidence and game understanding. We will also be learning about the rules of cricket and developing our bowling batting and catching skills.

Personal Development

In Personal Development, children will compare similarities and differences between different communities and explore different concepts such as love of learning, concept of money, etc.

Core Text

The Very Last Castle

by Travis Jonker

