Year 1/2 Topic Overview- Autumn 1: Castles and Fairytales

English

This half term we will be acquiring skills to become writers, ready to start our publishing houses next half term. We will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops, proper nouns and common nouns.

Maths

Y1: Place value to 10. We will be counting forwards and backwards, finding 1 more and 1 less, ordering numbers and looking at number lines.
Y2: understanding number and place value for numbers to 100, partitioning numbers and adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers

Science

Our unit this half term is Everyday Materials. We will be looking at the different materials objects are made from. learning the properties of materials and comparing and sorting materials based on their properties

DT

We will be designing and making castles with a drawbridge using pulley systems!

History

We will be developing our chronological understanding and vocabulary for the passing of time. We will be creating timelines and looking at the features of castles, how they changed over time and learning about life within them. We are also going on a trip to Hedingham castle.

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Computing

We will be learning how to log on and shut down, open, save and retrieve files and also about e-safety and code of conduct when using computers.

PE

This half term, our PE focus is:

- Dance- Fairytales dance
- Fundamentals- a range of sporting skills

RE

Our big question is: How are people different? We will be using the book 'Hats of Faith' by Medeia Cohen to introduce different faiths and beliefs and will be discussing what makes people unique.

PSHE

This half term our units are:

- Beginning and belonging- we will learning how to work collaboratively and to create a safe and happy learning environment
- Children will learn how to express how they may feel in new situations and will learn how to ask for help. They will learn who they can ask for support and how they can help each other.

Music

Our music will be based on Cinderella and will focus on singing in tune and to a steady beat.