

Numeracy

- Use a range of 2D shapes to create your own castle picture. Can you label each shape and talk about the number of sides and corners each shape has?
- Can you create your own snakes and ladders game using castles as a theme? E.g. Land on a joust and go up and land on a dragon and go down.
- Measure out ingredients to make porridge for the three bears or a cake for Little Red Riding Hood's grandma.
- Measure the different chairs in our house. Which one would be the perfect size for Goldilocks?

Out and About!

- If possible, make a visit to a local castle or castle ruins and take photographs of your visit.
- Use natural materials found at your local park to make a fairy house.
- Write a list of animals that would have once lived inside a castle. Why were these animals needed?
- Why is Castle Donington called Castle Donington? Where did the castle used to be?

Literacy

- Write a description of a castle found in England. Make sure you use a range of conjunctions and adjectives when writing.
- Create a fact file about a castle found in England.
- Use a well-known fairy tale to create your own story using the same characters. You could even text map out your story when planning and then use it to write out your story.
- Create a wanted poster for a fairy tale character of your choice – or create your own character.
- Create your own quiz questions about the castles to test a friend or your teacher. Come up with 10 questions about the castles.
- Take some castles words and see if you can find some rhyming words: [moat](#), [knight](#), [King](#), [Queen](#), [wall](#)

Working with Others

- Use a range of junk modelling materials to make your own castle. Can you explain what each part was used for?
- Work with an adult to make a gingerbread house and decorate it using sweets etc. just like the house in Hansel and Gretel.
- Create your own story setting **in** a shoebox using craft materials. It could be a castle, forest, spaceship, or underwater world. Can you describe what happens there and who might live there?

Homework Choice Grid

Once upon a time...



Please choose at least 7 Activities.
(Each bullet point is one activity)

Expressive Arts

- Design a costume for a King or Queen to wear to a ball. Label your picture to show what materials you have used for each part of your costume.
- Design a shield for a knight. What colours and patterns will you use?
- Use water colours, paints or other materials to create a picture of your dream castle.
- Make your own top trump cards about different knights.



Let's Get Technical!

- Use the internet to research into Fairy Tales and traditional stories from different countries.
- Research into a castle found nearest to Castle Donington. How many interesting facts can you learn about?



Health and Wellbeing

- Create a medieval banquet menu for the Lords and Ladies. How many courses will you have? Try to include a range of fruits and vegetables. Perhaps you could even make one of the dishes on your menu!
- Design and complete a knights training schedule.
- Make a cup of hot chocolate and snuggle up with an adult to read your favourite story – make sure you get a photograph of you in action.

Social Studies

- Pretend to be a court jester and perform for an audience. You could read jokes, learn to juggle or play a musical instrument.
- Make your own fairy tale puppets and create and perform for your family!

