



Project Planning – Castles and Monarchs

Edison Class - Spring 2023



We will be looking at Norman Castles and the differences between castles. We will be generating questions about castles - why were they built on a hill? We will start by looking at the medieval way of life, clothes, food etc.



We will look at castle defences in terms of the structure and why there was a need for castles. We will find out about castle life and why castles were built near a stream or by the sea.

We will be reading about imaginary creatures such as dragons and other fairy tale characters. We will be working on descriptive writing and making stories. We will be working with clay to create dragon eyes. We will also be working on our sketching techniques to develop sketches of dragon eyes.



We will look closely at the Bayeux Tapestry and the story behind it. We will be drawing and painting sections of it and making sections of our own.



In DT we will be making castles out of boxes. We will use the internet to find out about heraldry and see if our names are associated with a coat of arms. We will make our own shields and choose what coat of arms we would like.

We will visit a Castle and see all the features of a castle. We will look at the items of defence such as trebuchets and crossbows. We will be looking at some of the Monarchs from our history, learning about their way of life and what happened to them.

We will look at musical instruments and listen to string instruments of medieval times. We shall also be learning the ocarina, a wind instrument. We will be making a 'Royal Banquet' and eating it as a celebration at the end of our theme.