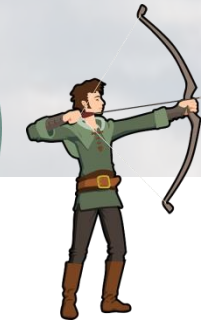


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What's inside the Castle's walls?



What's inside the castle's walls?

Where do you find castles?

Who lives in a castle?

How are our homes and castles the same and different?

What did people who lived in castles eat?

Which famous castles are there in our local area and the UK?

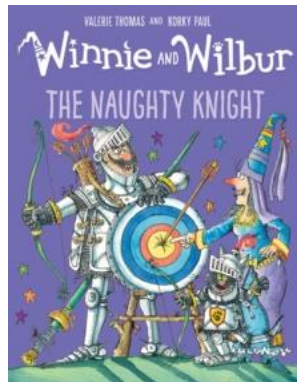
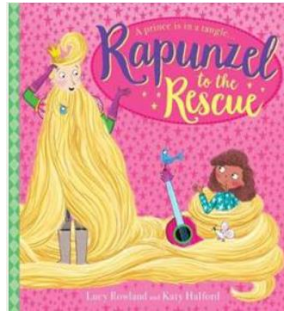
Where do different foods come from?

What materials are castles made from?

Why did castles have gardens?



Fiction



Multi-media

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/castles/>

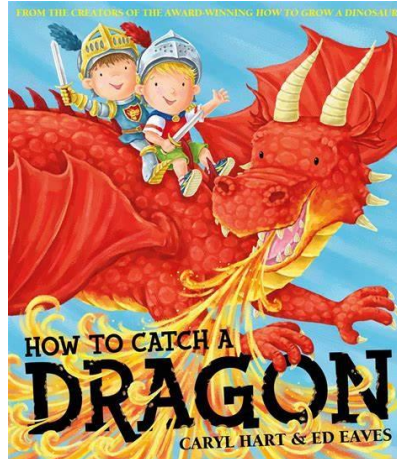


Quiz yourself on Castles

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z74jpv4/articles/zhrb6v4>

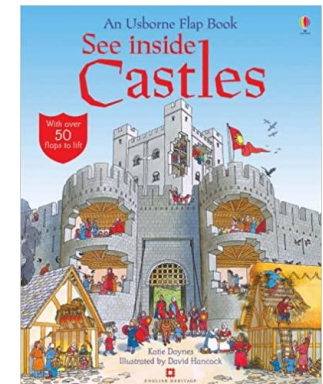
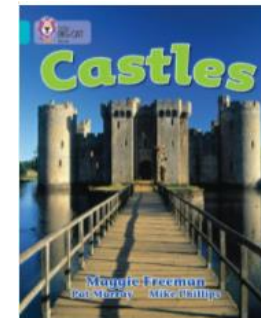
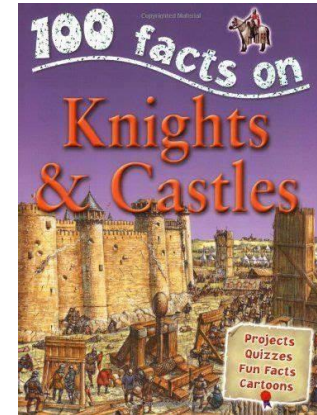
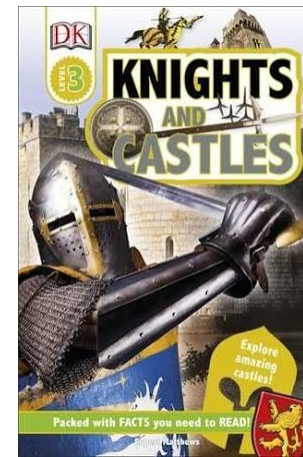
Resource Hub

Core Texts



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Non-Fiction












<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2566987-castles-and-knights-songs-and-rhymes-powerpoints-pack>

Rhymes and Songs

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2566982-castles-and-knights-songs-and-rhymes-resource-pack>

Year 1 and Year 2 - Subject Specific Vocabulary

Castle	A castle is a strong building. An important person such as a king or a ruler would have stayed there.	
Battlements	The battlements are the square shaped openings at the top of the castle walls. The openings were used to shoot out from and stand behind for protection.	
Drawbridge	The drawbridge is lowered over the moat to allow people to get into the castle.	
Dungeon	A dungeon is a strong prison cell, which is normally underneath a castle.	
Moat	A moat is a deep ditch that goes all the way around a castle. It could be filled with water. The moat makes it difficult for enemies to invade the castle.	
Knight	A knight normally wore a suit of armour. They used this to protect their bodies when fighting.	
The keep	The keep was a safe place within the castle where people could go if it came under attack.	
The portcullis	The portcullis is a heavy metal grid which can be lowered over the entrance to the castle to stop people getting in easily.	
Arrow slits	Arrow slits were used by knights to shoot out at their enemies. As the slits are long and slim, it makes it harder for enemies to shoot into them.	



Derby is famous for fine china from Royal Crown Derby.

There are castles in many fairy tales.



Inside the castle walls!

Famous castles



Nottingham Castle



Edinburgh Castle



Windsor Castle

Famous people



St George and the dragon



King Arthur



King Charles



Queen Elizabeth II

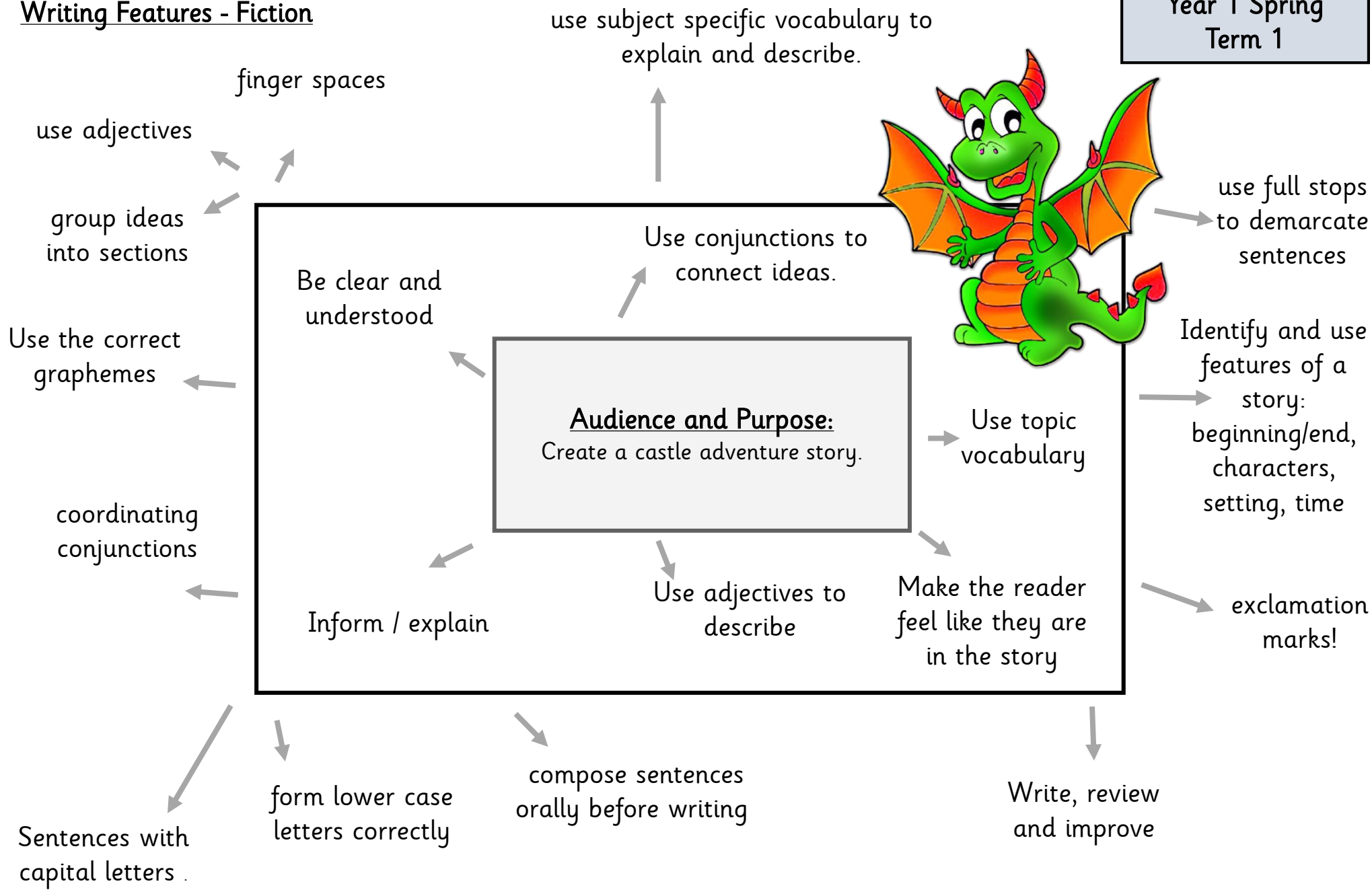
I know why some objects were used in the past.

I know why some materials are used for different jobs.

I know about some people that lived and still live in castles.

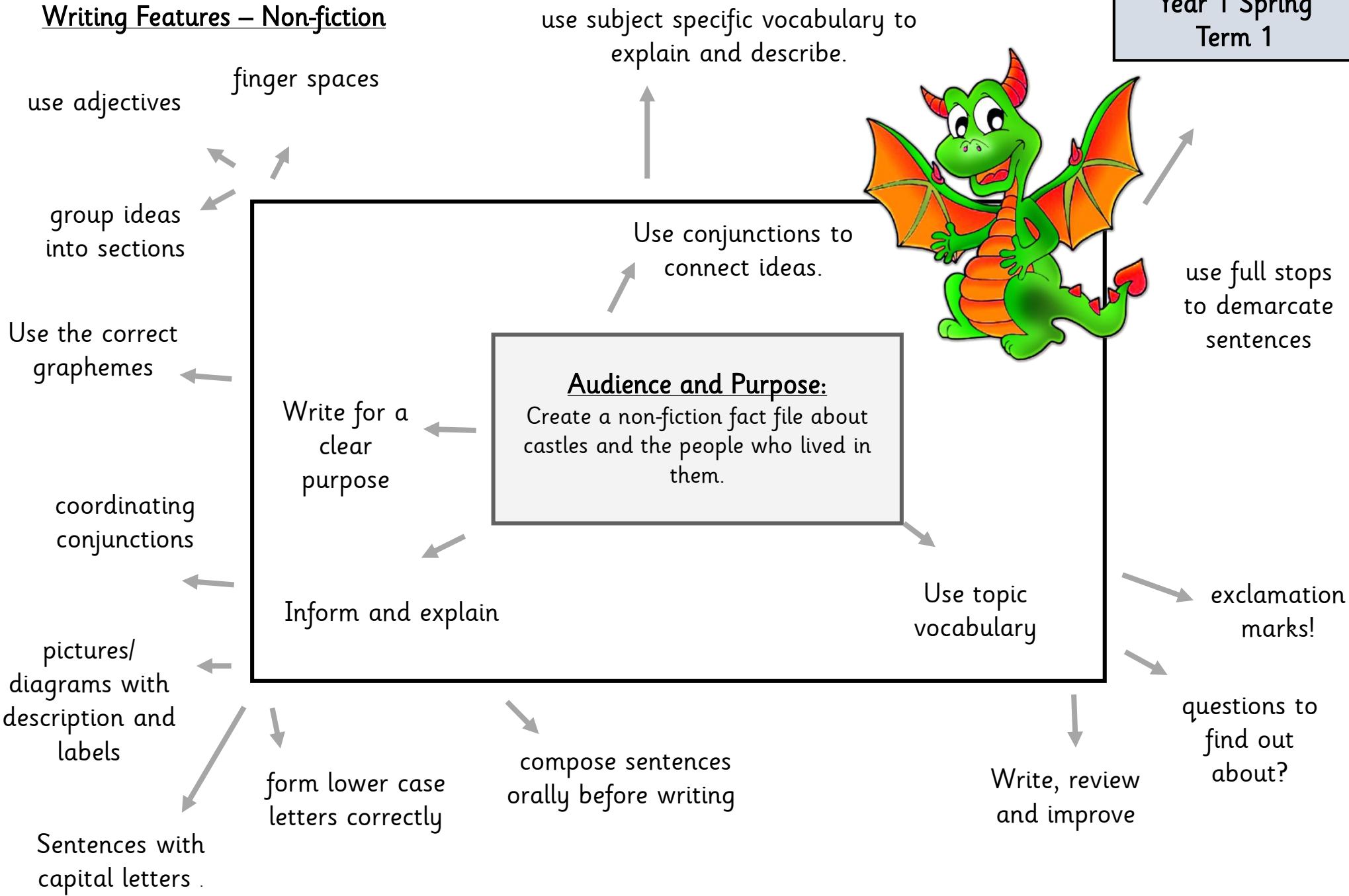
Writing Features - Fiction

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Writing Features – Non-fiction

Year 1 Spring
Term 1



Writing Features Non fiction

Year 2 Spring
Term 1

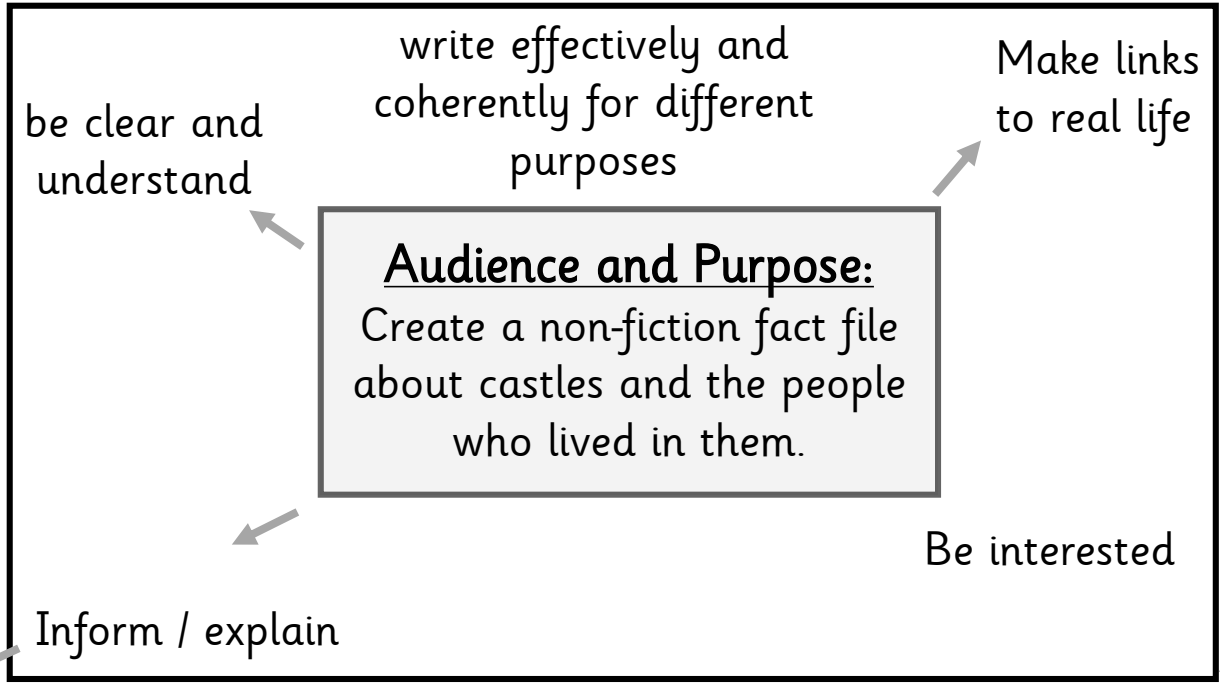
Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling some words correctly and making phonetically plausible attempt at others.

I can spell longer words using suffixes such as ment, ness, ful, less, ly.

Make simple additions and changes after proof reading

use subheadings

I can evaluate my writing independently, with peers and with an adult by making simple additions and corrections.



I can spell common exception words.

I can use expanded noun phrases to describe, expand and specify.

develop stamina for writing by writing for different purposes.

I can use capital letters for the personal pronoun I and for proper nouns.

Use thoughtful and sometimes ambitious vocabulary.

I can use spacing between words.

I can use subordination (when, if, that or because)

I can use present and past tenses correctly and consistently.

I can form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters.

I can write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others.

Use exclamation and question marks to demarcate sentences

Yellow = WTS

Green = EXS

1.
 - Hook: Topic wonder box – take out an object one at a time, chn to guess what our topic might be.
 - Introduce a dragon character to set the children challenges – What is a castle and where do we find them? (local castles – Elvaston, Tutbury, Bolsover)
 - Shared reading – non-fiction - Castles PPT
 - Labelling a castle. What are the names of the different features? What are their functions?
 - Write sentences about the features of a castle, what are they are used for and why? What materials are castles made from?
 - Focus- capital letters
 - Handwriting – see topic overview for weekly focus letters.

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In English we will be writing ...

2.
 - Shared reading non-fiction Castles text.
 - Make a word map of jobs people do in a castle. Go and Stand - play 'guess who'.
 - Drama - act out jobs. Freeze frame.
 - Write a job application for a medieval job in a castle – 2 days
 - Shared reading – non-fiction Castles. What did people living in castles eat?
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/castles/food-in-castles/>
 - Medieval menu for a banquet – list of foods with pictures.
 - Handwriting

3.
 - Find out who lives in famous castles today. Learn about Windsor Castle and historical monarchs - Queen Elizabeth II. Learn about King Charles and his Coronation. Drama - act out being a member of a royal family.
 - Shared reading non-fiction book about the Queen. (make link to Royal Crown Derby)
 - Write a fact file about the King (2 days)
 - Handwriting

4.
 - Shared reading Rapunzal, Princess and the Pea
 - Shared reading – How to Catch a Dragon/ St George and the dragon.
 - Plan an adventure story with a beginning, middle and end. Think of yourself as a King or Queen character, think of an additional character, problem, solution (6 sections)
 - Create a class bank of sentence starters (One sunny day, Once upon a time... and adjectives (strong, grey, scary, spooky).
 - Write the first section of your story setting the scene and introducing the characters. (2 days)
 - Handwriting

5.
 - Shared reading – How to Catch a Dragon/ St George and the dragon.
 - Write the middle section of your story using different sentence starters and adjectives from the first section. (3 days)
 - Handwriting –
 - Shared reading – castle on the hill song (Twinkl)

6.
 - Write the end of the story – what is the problem/ What is the solution? (2 days)
 - Shared reading – Fictional castle story
 - Handwriting

We are creative

Make a shield using art and DT materials.

Sketch a person you might find in a castle.


Build a trebuchet.

Construct a castle using junk.

Design a portcullis and drawbridge.

Plan a layout of a castle.



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- Where are there castles in the local area? Elvaston, Tutbury. Locate on maps. Look at photographs on I-Pads.
 - Learn about castle features.

- Which famous castles are there in the UK? Windsor, Edinburgh, Conwy. Locate on maps. Look at photographs on I-Pads.

- Learn about those who live in a castle – the King and Royal Family. (Link to Royal Crown Derby)

We are Superstar Learners

- Find out about what people who lived in castles used to eat. What is a banquet?
- Where does food come from? (grown in gardens)

- Learn about medieval life - look at old objects and suggest what they might have been used for.
- Find out about clothes, food, music – Vivaldi Spring music.

- Name and group materials castles are made from.
- Which materials would be best to make a flag? Predict and test.

Let's quiz



'Let's quiz' is an exciting new game we have launched for the children.

At the end of every topic they will take part in a fun quiz all about what they have learnt over the half-term. You can help your child to succeed and remember what they have learnt by talking about the questions together at home.

Research says that when children repeatedly return to previously learnt information, they are more likely to **'Know and Remember More'** in the long term.

- How many famous castles can you name?
- If you went to visit a castle what would you see?
- If you were to get a job in a castle in the past what would it be?
- Who might you be visiting in a castle?
- What stories can you think of with castles in them?
- Who is in our current royal family?
- What do you write about at the beginning of a story?
- Can you say the numbers that have 1 ten in them?
- Tell me how to be safe on the internet.
- What type of pottery is Derby famous for?