

My Communication

Learners will develop effective communication using verbal or non-verbal methods such as signing, symbols, or assistive technology. Reading focuses on phonics, blending simple words, and comprehension through actions or responses. Writing includes mark-making, letter formation, and understanding that print carries meaning.



My Health:

Learners will create and follow a fitness plan using various equipment, linking exercises to components of fitness. They will learn concepts like sets, reps, and progression, with support to ensure plans are balanced. Moderation and reflection on progress will be part of the process.



My Technology:

Learners will use digital tools to explore castle designs and create simple castle-related content. Online safety lessons teach recognising safe behaviors when researching castles. Engagement includes visual, verbal, and vocational approaches to link technology with real-world building concepts.



My Problem Solving:

Maths will cover 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, and basic statistics like tally charts and pictograms. Learners will practice managing information and decision-making through activities like choosing materials for building bridges and recording observations. Whole-class KWL posters will support interactive reviewing of learning.



Semi-formal Curriculum KS4
Topic Web: Spring 1

Topic: Towers, Tunnels and Turrets



Key Text:

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop.
Stephen Biesty's Cross Sections Castle (Non-Fiction)



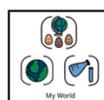
My Creativity:

Art and Design activities include building towers and tunnels using construction techniques and exploring patterns inspired by medieval castles. Music lessons focus on creating castle soundscapes and rhythm games, while drama and dance encourage role-play and storytelling based on mythological themes.



My World:

Science lessons explore forces, tension, and material strength through bridge-building investigations. Geography focuses on local bridges in Rochdale, famous bridges worldwide, and understanding why bridges are needed. Outdoor learning opportunities include visiting a local bridge for measurements and photographs.



My Independence:

The careers unit links historical castle roles to modern professions, helping learners see pathways from past to present. Practical skills include CV writing and understanding career progression. Opportunities for workshops and visits to local castles support real-world connections.



My Identity

Learners will explore democracy in practical ways, such as class votes and group decision-making. They will understand the importance of rules, fairness, and listening to everyone's voice. Activities aim to build confidence in expressing preferences and participating in community life.

