

Year 4 Key Skills: 'Why is Beeston Castle certainly not bouncy?'

History

- Do they appreciate that wars have happened from a very long time ago and are often associated with invasion, conquering or religious differences?
- Do they know that people who lived in the past cooked and travelled differently and used different weapons from ours?
- Can they research two versions of an event and say how they differ?
- Can they research what it was like for a child in a given period from the past and use photographs and illustrations to present their findings?
- · Can they communicate knowledge and understanding orally and in writing and offer points of view based upon what they have found out?

Geography

- Can they label the same features on an aerial photograph as on a map?
- Can they plan a journey to a place in England?

Computing

- Can they download images from the camera into files on the computer?
- Can they use a search engine to find a specific website?
- Can they use note-taking skills to decide which text to copy and paste into a document?
- Can they use tabbed browsing to open two or more web pages at the same time?
- Can they open a link to a new window?
- Can they open a document (PDF) and view it?
- Can they create a lengthy presentation that moves from slide to slide and is aimed at a specific audience?

Design and Technology

- Do they take account of the ideas of others when designing?
- Can they produce a plan and explain it to others?
- Can they suggest some improvements and say what was good and not so good about their original design?
- Can they show a good level of expertise when using a range of tools and equipment?
- Do they take time to consider how they could have made their idea better?

Art and Design: Printing

- Can they print using at least four colours?
- Can they create an accurate print design?
- Can they print onto different materials?

Sketchbooks

- Can they use their sketch books to express their feelings about various subjects and outline likes and dislikes?
- Do they use their sketch books to adapt and improve their original ideas?
- Do they keep notes about the purpose of their work in their sketch books?

Science

Living things and their habitats.

- Can they recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways?
- Can they explore and use a classification key to group, identify and name a variety of living things? (plants, vertebrates, invertebrates)
- Can they compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things found in other places? (under the sea, prehistoric)
- Do they recognise that environments can change and this can sometimes pose a danger to living things?
- Can they plan a fair test and isolate variables explaining why it was fair and which variables have been isolated?
- Can they use straight forward scientific evidence to answer questions or support their findings?

PE Games

- Can they catch with one hand?
- Can they throw and catch accurately?
- Can they hit a ball accurately and with control?
- Can they keep possession of the ball?
- Can they move to find a space when they are not in possession during a game?
- Can they vary tactics and adapt skills according to what is happening?
- Can they select and use the most appropriate skills, actions or ideas?
- Can they move and use actions with co-ordination and control?
- Can they make up their own small-sided game?

Music

- Can they play clear notes on instruments?
- Can they perform 'by ear' and from simple notations?
- Can they explain why they think their music is successful or unsuccessful?