

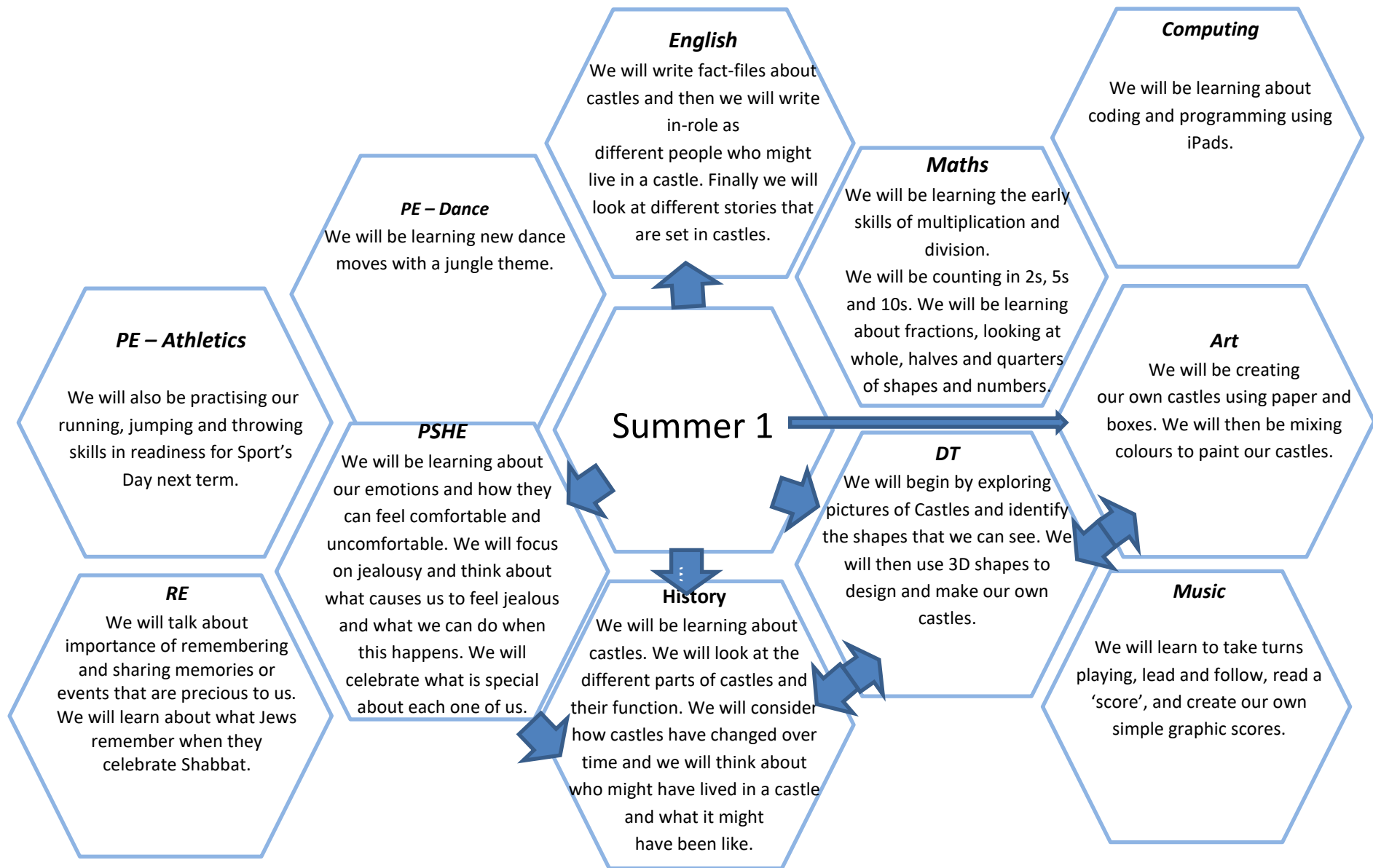
Castle Primary School

Curriculum Letter

Year 1



Summer Term 2026



How you can help your child at home...

Below are some suggested activities you may like to try at home with your child.

How to be a reader and writer...



Listen to your child read regularly. **Practise** remembering all of the phonics sounds we have learnt and reading our tricky words using the weekly homework sheets. **Look** at and read signs and symbols when you are out and about.

Spend some time reading '*real*' and '*alien*' words in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening in June. Have a go at playing some games on PhonicsPlay <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



How to be a mathematician...

Make sets of objects of the same amount e.g., 4 sets of 2. **Share** amounts of food/toys equally. **Count** in 2s, 5s and 10s. **Practise** your number bonds to ten and then to 20. **Count** forwards and backwards to 50 starting from any given number. **Then** go up to 100!



How to be a historian ...

Go for a walk to the castle and observe the different features such as the moat and the tower.

Do some research about castles and share what you have found out with your class.

Find out about other castles and compare them with Portchester Castle.

Summer 2

English

We will look at the poetry of Michael Rosen. We will explore rhyme and create some rhymes of our own. We will be using a variety of under the sea stories to create a new story, focusing on story setting and character description.

Maths

We will be exploring place value and numbers up to 100.
We will be learning about money and how to tell the time.

Computing

We will be making sure we can login and work on developing our word processing skills.

PSHE

We will be thinking about our responsibility to help keep ourselves and others safe. We finish by celebrating our achievements in Year 1 and ensuring that we feel confident and ready for our new adventure into Year 2!

Science

We will be learning about different animals, about how they survive, their diets and how they are categorised. We will be learning about domestic animals and about everything that is needed to look after different pets.

RE

We will be thinking about places that are special to us. We will then look at places of worship and why churches are special to Christians and why synagogues are special to Jews.

Music

We will be learning all about timbre, tempo and dynamic in music. We will be using a variety of different instruments to create our own composition.

PE - Kwik cricket

We will be developing the key skills needed for Kwik Cricket.

PE – Outdoor adventurous activities (OAA)

We will be taking part in a range of physical activities that develop our agility as well as cooperation with others.

Art

We will be making collaged fish using different materials.

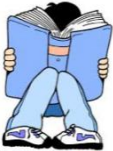
Geography

We will start by locating the UK and Portchester on a variety of maps and use this to find our way around the local area. We will be taking a walk around our local area to discover more about the place we live in.

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How to be a reader and writer...



Read simple non-fiction texts about animals and use the contents page to find information.

Read different kinds of stories and talk about what makes a good story. Have a go at changing a part of a story. What else could happen?



How to be a scientist...

Learn how to look after pets and animals in order to keep them safe and healthy.

Care for a pet at home.

Visit the library or use a child friendly search engine on the computer to research about different animals.

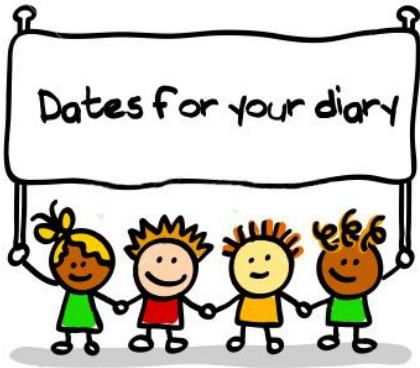


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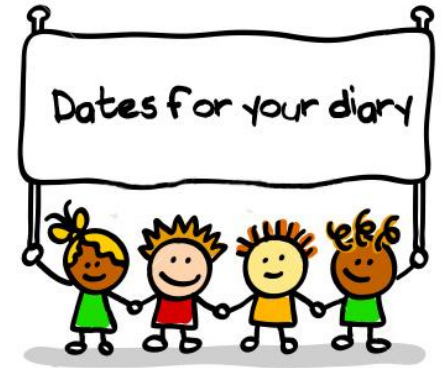
Play games such as Bingo and snakes and ladders to support recognition of numbers to 100. **Count** forwards and backwards to 100 starting from any given number. **Talk** about time and different measures of time and practise telling the time. **Look** at different coins and their value. Have a go at buying things with money at the shops!

How to be a geographer...

Look at maps to locate where Portchester is. **Follow** simple directions and use/understand different positional language e.g. Next to, left/right, behind **Create** your own imaginary playground, or treasure map using an alphanumeric grid and practise finding where different features are located. **Enjoy** a walk to Portchester precinct to look at different buildings and shops



Key Dates for this term



Friday 24th April 2026 – Trip to Portchester Castle.
More information to follow.

Week beginning the 9th June Year 1 phonics screening.

July 2026 - Walk to Portchester precinct investigating our local area