

## Beech class weekly update 6.11.20

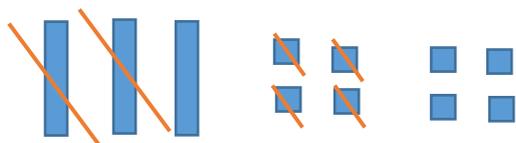
We have had a fantastic first week back in school. The children all look wonderful today in their costumes and have really enjoyed finding out more about different types of castles. As part of our topic launch we have talked about what we already know about towers, turrets and tunnels and have created lists of questions for what we would like to find out. We have looked at lots of different photos of castles and even been on a virtual tour! The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary to help them to be able to write about different parts of a castle. We have talked about lots of features of a castle including battlements, moats, portcullis, drawbridge, motte and bailey.

We have learnt about castles through the ages and talked about different local castles that we have visited. The children had a fantastic afternoon completing our castle assault course, crossing the drawbridge and travelling along the battlements.

In English we used all of the new vocabulary we had learnt to help us to write facts about castles and used because or so to give reasons for why castles contain certain features.

In maths we have been learning about subtraction. The children have demonstrated that they are confident to use either a hundred square or counters to support them with subtraction problems. We have also been using pictorial methods to support us in solving subtractions. For example:

$$38-24=$$



*First draw the larger number in tens and ones, then cross out each of the ones, then each of the tens.*

During forest school we used what we had learnt about castles so far to build our own from natural materials. The children made sure they included lots of the features we had discussed earlier in the week and then talked about their constructions with the rest of the class.

This week there are two activities on purple mash for home work and there is also the list of different activities linked to our topic on the class page of the website.

We hope you all have lovely a weekend and look forward to seeing you again on Monday

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry, Ms Coffee & Mrs Paice