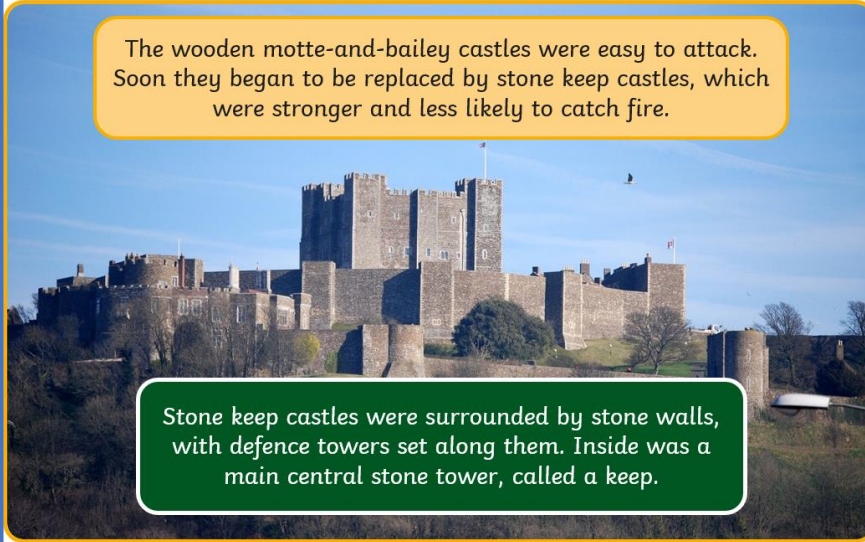


Beech Class Weekly Update Friday 6th October 2023

This week we have been learning about the different types of castles. The children are loving this unit of work. They enjoyed building different types of castles this week and were confident to speak about the features of each one. This is something you could ask about at home.

Stone Keep Castles

The wooden motte-and-bailey castles were easy to attack. Soon they began to be replaced by stone keep castles, which were stronger and less likely to catch fire.



Stone keep castles were surrounded by stone walls, with defence towers set along them. Inside was a main central stone tower, called a keep.

'Motte and bailey' was the name given to the first real castles built in England.

This unusual name comes from France. **Motte** means 'mound' and **bailey** means 'closed/fenced-in' land.





During our Jolly Grammar sessions, we have been learning about capital letters and speech marks. They loved seeing their pictures in the PowerPoint! This is something we will continue to work on throughout the term. It would be helpful for you to look out for speech marks in your library books at home.

"I want to go home," said Euan.

I want to go home.




Jolly Grammar

Grammar Session

"I am hungry," said Mihali

I am hungry.



Jolly Grammar


Book Club

During 'Book Club,' this afternoon, we had an incredible book recommendation from a member of the Beech Class Team. She shared what she enjoyed about the book and said, "it was about kindness and being nice!" The children asked lots of questions. Next week we look forward to another book recommendation from a Beech Class member. We will decide who this is on Monday! It was super exciting and wonderful to see how enthusiastic everyone was about sharing books. Today, everyone took a library book home to share with a family member.



We have also been developing our morning routine in Beech Class. Every morning the children come into the classroom and make a start on their visual checklist. This helps to set us up for success for the day. Once they've completed their morning routine, we meet on the carpet to practise tricky words. Then we take a moment to 'ding the chimes,' and breathe! It's such a calm way to begin our day. Next week, we will share our morning math mastery task with you...prepare to be impressed!

Beech Class Morning Routine:

Water Bottle			
Reading book and homework			
Zones picture			
Book Vote			
10 Frame Picture			
Whiteboard and pen			

Have a restful weekend. Thank you for your support with reading and home-learning tasks. If you have any questions please do ask. Here's to another great week in Beech Class.

Here's a quote – for the children and the grown-ups!



(Credit to Emily Coxhead of Happy News)

Mrs. Oliveira