

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

First may we thank you all for the marvellous home learning from the last topic. It really does help children to consolidate and demonstrate what they have learnt in class when working on ideas we have given for home learning. **We do encourage all children to complete at least 2 tasks**, some of which could be completed on their own, with the knowledge they have gained in class. This half term we are excited to begin our new topic: 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. Below are some home learning tasks that your child can complete over the next few weeks.

- Play a tumbling tower game such as Jenga with your family. What are the best ways of keeping the tower upright? See if you can take some action shots or videos of the tower falling!
- Go on a bridge hunt with your grown-ups around the local area, taking photographs to show your class. What types of bridge have you seen? Choose the most interesting bridge and see what you can discover about it online or at the local library?
- Make a detailed diagram of a castle, labelling interesting features which might be found inside or out. Perhaps you could find out about 'murder holes', 'garderobes' or 'loopholes'?
- Make your own information book about castles, bridges or tunnels. Include downloaded images as well as your own drawings and diagrams. What fascinating facts can you find out to amaze your family, friends and teacher?
- Design and create a model of a famous structure from around the world, using junk materials found at home. Will you choose London Bridge, the Leaning Tower of Pisa or perhaps the Statue of Liberty? Find a photograph of your chosen landmark to use as inspiration.
- Find, on a world map or globe, all the famous landmarks you would like to visit. Make a list and try say 'why' you would like to visit the landmark.
- Design a fantastic new landmark for Silsden. What materials would you use and what special features would it have? Think about how to make it stand out from other landmarks in the world: you'd want lots of people to come and visit!
- We will be visiting Skipton Castle, but if you get the chance to visit other castles in the area, take photographs and label them with the parts of the castle that you have learnt about.

Have fun with your learning and if you have any other great ideas related to this topic let us know!