

Year 2 – Tamworth Castle

September 2024



On a rainy yet exhilarating day, our Year 2 class embarked on an unforgettable journey to Tamworth Castle. Despite the wet weather, the children's enthusiasm remained undiminished as they eagerly anticipated the day's adventures.

Upon arrival, we were warmly welcomed in the grand hall by staff adorned in authentic medieval costumes, instantly transporting us back in time. The children were captivated as they were introduced to various medieval weapons, including axes, swords, helmets, and armour. An interactive session followed, where the students enthusiastically dressed a mannequin in armour and participated in a mock demonstration on how to use a spear, providing them with a tangible connection to history.

Our journey continued as we were greeted by the esteemed Lady of the Castle. She engaged the children in a delightful lesson on medieval etiquette and manners, guiding them on how to properly lay a table for the master and lady of the castle. The children practised bowing and curtsying, learned the correct placement of cutlery, and discovered the types of food that graced the tables during that era.

After absorbing a wealth of knowledge, we gathered in the impressive Great Hall for lunch. Post-lunch, we embarked on a self-guided tour of the castle's numerous exhibits. The children explored the armoury, dungeons, bedrooms, and servants' quarters, each room offering a glimpse into the castle's storied past. The interactive displays and hands-on activities kept the children engaged, allowing them to immerse themselves fully in the experience.

Rai said, 'that he enjoyed dressing up as a soldier and meeting the Lady of the castle.' Sophie and Chloe enjoyed the lesson on etiquette provided by the Lady but did not like going into the 'dark, gloomy dungeon.'

Throughout the day, the children displayed exemplary behaviour, showing respect and curiosity at every turn. The combination of educational workshops and the castle's rich history provided a perfect backdrop for learning outside the classroom. The rain may have poured outside, but inside Tamworth Castle, our spirits were high, and the memories created will hopefully last a long time.

