



Year 2 – Tamworth Castle Visit

October 2023

We went to visit Tamworth Castle. This was part of our History and Geography topic on Castles.

We traveled by double decker bus to Tamworth and then took a short walk up the hill to the castle.

The visit consisted of expert-led workshops in the morning and a self-led tour of the castle in the afternoon.

In the morning there were two workshops. The children learnt how to be a young squire including all the parts of a knight's armory which they were able to handle and feel the weight of the armor. They also learnt about the different weapons used at that time that the soldiers and knights would use to protect themselves. Later in the great hall, children also learnt the defensive actions a squire would use. This was especially interesting and engaging for the children. The second workshop took the children to the main dining room where they met The Lady. This was another interactive workshop where children learnt to lay the table and which utensils were used at that time. It also included the opportunity for two children to dress up in traditional clothes as the Lord and Lady of the Castle. All the children listened well and were very respectful to the ladies delivering the workshops.

Lunch was a really sociable affair as all the children were able to sit together in the Great Hall to eat their packed lunches.

After lunch, it was time to explore the castle itself. It was a wonderful opportunity to see all the vocabulary that the children had learnt in a real-life context – for example going into the dark dungeon, climbing the tower and looking out of the arrow slots as well as going across the bridge and looking out through the battlements.

The children were able to see how thick the castle walls were and gain a better understanding of why castles were built to defend against the enemies. Their geographical understanding of why a castle was built on a hill was also enhanced.

The next day, the children wrote a recount of their trip (TAF – Write about real events), including what they enjoyed the most.

Olivia said she really enjoyed dressing up as a Lady because it was fun.

Isaac said “I don't like the dungeon because it's dark and scary!”

