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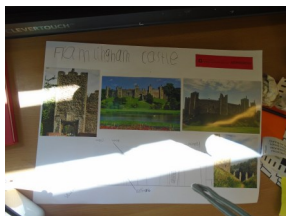
We have had a very busy term in class 1! In English we have been learning about the book Grandad's Island and have enjoyed taking part in role play as the main character's Syd and Grandad!



At our last Forest School session of the year, we took our science lesson with us and went on a wild plant hunt, recording how many buttercups, dandelions, daisies and nettles we saw on our walk up to the forest. We also recorded any new wild plants we could find and counted how many of them there were too! We found a snake on the path (sadly deceased) and enjoyed looking at it and its patterned markings. However, the best part of our last visit was that we had a fire and got to toast marshmallows!



For our homework, we have been working on castles projects. We were allowed to present our learning in whatever way we liked. Some of us made models of castles, some made posters and we even had a PowerPoint presentation!



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Finally, to end the year and our history topic, we visited Hedingham Castle which was built in the Norman period. We had a fantastic day exploring the castle. First, we had to walk up the side of the motte (mound) that the keep was built on, cross the Tudor bridge and go into the basement of the castle keep, this was used for storage and we learnt all about the Battle of Hastings, and how William the Conqueror (Marnie) defeated Harold (Lucas). Mr Snelling also got to test out some of the Norman Knights equipment!

We then went up the spiral staircase to the Garrison floor which is where the soldiers would stay, we tried on smocks with different sigils and learnt about how people would have to fight for the lord of the castle.

After lunch we visited the banqueting hall, where we learnt about the food the Lord and Lady of the castle would eat and the hierarchy of who gets fed first and where everyone has to sit-the closer to the Lord the more important you were. We looked at the small chapel the Lord and Lady used, and the garderobe (long drop toilet) that would also be exclusively used by the Lord and Lady. Finally, we went out to the dungeon to see where the prisoners were kept.



We had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!