



EYFS

Creepy castles and dangerous dragons



What is this theme about?

To explore the awe, wonder and mystery of the Local area in stories of local legends and myths. To develop knowledge of the History of castles and Alton Towers and the local designer Augustus Pugin.
 To discover fiction about castles, dragons, caves and bears and develop their imagination and creativity through oral and written storytelling. To learn about and try rollercoaster design.

HOME LEARNING TASKS

Communication and Language



I can make my own cave using a sheet over a table or drying rack. I can pretend to hide inside it and act out the stories.
 I can try out some torches in my cave.
 I can make some paper bats to hang up in my cave.
 I can explain what I have learnt about caves.



Physical Development



I can take my teddy bear on a nature hunt.
 I can make a picnic to share with my teddy bear.
 I can make an obstacle course to represent the bear hunt. (to go through, over, under, up, down etc..)
 I can get outside in the fresh air and explore a cave (e.g Thor's cave or The Roaches).



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



I can role play the cave baby story with my own baby dolls. I can set up a cot for the cave baby.
 I can read some stories from the Bible and choose my favourite.
 I can draw a picture of my favourite Bible story.



Expressive Arts and Design



I can chant the bear hunt story out loud.
 I can try blow painting with a straw to make a cave painting. I can try it on sandpaper if I have some.
 I can draw a picture of the food that would lure me out of a cave if I was hiding there like the one in the story.
 What creepy crawlies would be hiding in the grass in the bear hunt? I can find some creepy crawlies in my garden and find out their names. I can draw them too.
 I can make a bird feeder and watch the birds feeding on it.
 I can use potatoes to make printers of animal tracks and try them out.



Understanding the World



I can bake my own 'bear paws' in the kitchen (see sheet enclosed).
 I can type up a sentence about a bear on a computer.
 I can find out what animals live in a cave. I can draw and label them.
 Look at the seasons in the cave book. I can learn more about the seasons of the year on the espresso website.
 I can learn more about caves and how they are formed.

