

Upper 3 and Lower 4 historians have a fun and varied half-term!



This half term the Upper 3 historians have been learning how William the Conqueror subdued England after the Conquest in 1066. We have studied his use of brutality ('Harrying the North'), castles and the Feudal System. The pupils made a physical recreation of the Feudal Pyramid, with the King at the top followed by the Barons, Knights and lastly, the villeins. This recreation helped them to understand the relationship between the different groups and individuals in the system, and also how a relatively small number of people were able to control a much bigger group.

Meanwhile, Lower 4 have been studying a failed attempt to invade England: the Spanish Armada of 1588. We have looked at this in terms of the religious context of the time and especially the rise of Protestantism. The pupils re-enacted the story of the Armada and focused on the key question of why the Armada (which was much bigger than the English fleet) failed. We had lots of fun and the lesson was invaluable in helping them to write their assessment on the same topic.

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