



Topic Title: Castles and Dragons

English

During the Autumn term in English, we will be retelling fairy-tales with a familiar setting, writing lists and creating a fact file about castles and dragons. We will develop our ability to recount an event that we have experienced and explore acrostic poetry, patterns and rhyming.



Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at place value, continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction and explore geometry with a focus on using the appropriate vocabulary.

Science

First in Science we will be looking at 'Everyday Materials', exploring their properties and conducting experiments to understand what they are used for and why. Then we will be focusing on 'Animals, including humans', exploring the main animal groups and food groups. We will also be exploring the human senses and how important they are to everyday life.

Foundation Subjects

In History, we will be focusing on the difference between the past and the present and being able to sequence events within our lives.

In Art, we will be exploring colours, medias, equipment and textiles to develop skills in printmaking, looking at famous artists such as Kandinsky.

In Design and Technology, we will be exploring the process of how to make a product, from research to design, create and evaluate – our focus will be castles.

In Geography we will be looking at castles in our local area and within the UK, exploring their features, similarities and differences.

Homework Expectations:

- Help your child to practise their spellings each week. Spellings are based on what we are learning during the week – these will be posted weekly on EdShed.
- Read with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the story and characters. If your child wishes to move up the reading rainbow, they must read **at least 4 times per week**. You **MUST** sign their diaries **every time your child reads**.

- Bring in their Monkey Reading diaries and school reading books to be changed every **Friday**.
- Ensure your child comes to school in their **PE kit** on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

Additional Information & Reminders:

- Wednesday 1st September 2021 – Training day – School closed to children
- Friday 22nd October 2021 – School closes for October half term
- Monday 1st November 2021 – School reopens
- Monday 6th December- Training day – School closed to children
- Friday 17th December 2021 – School closes for Christmas