



## **Topic Title: Castles and Dragons**

### **English**

In English, we will be retelling fairy tales with a familiar setting like George and the Dragon and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be writing lists of what we would take on our own adventures and creating our own stories about castles and dragons. We will also explore acrostic poetry, patterns and rhyming through performance.



### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be looking at place value, whilst continuing to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction and explore geometry with a focus on using the appropriate vocabulary. We will explore and learn how to use a range of methods to help us with our understanding and application of maths within all our subjects.

### **Science**

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 the 'Seasons', exploring the weather patterns and using appropriate vocabulary to compare their similarities and differences.

### **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 and how they have changed throughout history.

In RE, we will be looking exploring and comparing different religions and their importance holidays and celebrations.

In Computing, we will be exploring how to use technology in a safe and helpful way. We will be exploring apps such as Teach Your Monster to Read, Numbots and Purple Mash to help us with our learning.

In PE, we will be exploring fundamental skills within sports such as exploring space, movement and using equipment. We will also be developing our dance skills!

### Homework Expectations:

- Help your children learn their common exception words – they will need to read and spell them by the end of Year 1. (A word sheet will be sent home at the beginning of each term with the appropriate words your child needs to learn.)
- 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**.
- Earing's **MUST** be removed before school on PE days – children will NOT be able to participate in if they are wearing earing's.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.
- Please ensure that your child brings an appropriate coat to school each day (with their name in it).

### Additional Information & Reminders:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – School closed: Teacher training day
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – School closed: Teacher training day
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – School Opens for Autumn term one
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Meet and Greet Parents Evening – Year 1-6**
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Phonics Workshop – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – School closes for October half term
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – School reopens for Autumn term two
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – School closed: Teacher training day
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas Enterprise Event
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS1 Christmas Performance (**2pm**)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS1 Christmas Performance (**9.30am** and **2pm**)
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – School closes for Christmas holidays