



Our next half term is full of Castles, Knights, Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses and finally DRAGONS!



The children have even been put into new groups to reflect these characters. The F2's are the DRAGONS!

Expressive Arts

In Music, we will be marching to processional fanfares from hundreds of years ago. We will be beating the drums getting us ready to fight the dragons! We will be investigating how we make long and short sounds with our voices and instruments.

In Art, we will be using many different techniques in order to create lots of castles. Printing, fine line drawing, watercolour, and clay modelling.

In Role play we will be having lots of fun learning about what the different people are in a castle and how they act.

Lots of design and technology will be taking place within school through this topic. The children will be learning how to make a catapult. They will be building functioning drawbridges. They will be working out how you make 3D shapes from flat pieces of card and then using these skills to build their own castles. We will also be doing some simple sewing this term in response to looking at the Bayeux Tapestry.

In RE we will once again be visiting the local church in order to find out about the different parts and uses of the building.

Reading and Writing

This term we will be having a real focus on how to use a simple picture dictionary. Over the term we will be using these resources in order to read and spell our words correctly in our writing. We will be making sure that finger spaces are being used correctly now when we write a simple sentence. For the more adventurous writers we will be trying to add elements of story writing and narrative into our writing. We have a castle reading area to encourage as much reading as possible this term too.

School Trip!

The children are in for a real treat. We have arranged a school trip to Wollaton Hall where the children will become 'Tiny Tudors' preparing for the royal visit of Queen Elizabeth I. Here they will prepare some traditional food for a feast and play with toys that would have been around at that time. They will use some of their dancing skills from last term in order to dance at the feast in order to entertain the queen.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World.

We will be investigating materials and their properties. We will be looking at what castles were made of and why those materials were used.

We will be learning what the different parts of a castle are called. We will be drawing simple maps showing the castle and its surroundings. We will also be using maps, globes and atlases to find out where famous castles are found all around the world.

In ICT, the children will be researching famous Kings and Queens, Princes or Princesses, Knights or Dragons. They will learn how to navigate a web page and use the menu and back button.

Numbers, Shape Space and Measures

We will be working on our addition and subtraction facts to 10 this term as well as doubling, halving and sharing. We will also develop our powers of estimation! We will be counting the Kings money getting used to everyday coins. Lots of 2D and 3D shape too!

Physical development

We will be using lots of small equipment in order to develop control and coordination. Hopefully all outside in the sunshine!



Through these activities the children will be **Playing and Exploring**; be **Active Learners** and we will be encouraging them to be **Creative and to Think Critically**. Helping them to have **Characteristics of Effective Learning**.

