



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.

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.

For our Literacy, this term we will be having a real focus on how to use a dictionary. Over the term we will be using these resources in order to spell our words correctly in our writing. Question marks and exclamation marks are going to be used a lot this term. We are also going to think about how we can join our sentences together using 'and' or 'because' in order to make our writing more interesting.

In PE, we will be hoping for lots of outdoor lessons so please make sure your child has outdoor PE shoes. We will be using lots of small equipment in order to develop control and coordination. We will also be playing lots of team games.

In Art, we will be using many different techniques in order to create lots of castles. Printing, fine line drawing, watercolour, and clay modelling. We will also be using a 'Monart' technique that instructs the children on how to add fantastic detail into their work.

In Maths, this term we will be introducing simple multiplication and division as well as reinforcing addition and subtraction methods. We will also be starting to look at fractions and using the terms half and quarter. The children will also be using a lot of 3D shape names when they build lots of castles. They will also be counting the money stashed away in the castle treasure chest.

In History, 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.

In Science, 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 also have a session on magnets.

In ICT, the children will be researching famous kings and queens, princes or princesses, knights or dragons. They will then be making a talking book all about them.

In Geography, we will be concentrating on geographical language that describes the land use around a castle. We will be drawing maps and using coordinates to describe where features are on the map. We will also be using maps, globes and atlases to find out where famous castles are found all around the world.

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.

