

## Our Topic

Our topic this term is Castles. In this literacy based topic, the children will learn about a variety of different traditional tales and using our storytelling approach, they will innovate their own. They will learn about life in a castle, different roles and how to become a knight! They will learn a song about a castle and create sounds to accompany it. They will get to experience a real castle on a school trip to Oxford Castle.

In maths, they will consolidate their understanding of place value in numbers to 100 and develop their skills relating to multiplication and division, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In RE, they will learn how celebrating Shabbat is important for Jewish children.

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## Contacting Us

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We will always do our best to respond to emails but if you have something urgent to discuss then it is best to ring the school office to arrange a meeting or phone call.

We will also communicate via Google Classroom so please check that when you can.

## Reading

We will continue to have your children read to us at least once a week and send at least one book home each week for them to read to you. Please try and listen to your child read at least four times a week and write in their reading record. It would be great if they could read their school book to you at least once but they can read different books from home too if they prefer. Please also continue to read books beyond their reading level to them regularly as this has so many benefits. We will continue to visit the school library every other week (when they are not at Forest School) so that they can choose a new book and return the one they had previously. Thank you for your support with this.

## P.E.

PE lessons will now be on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear in their PE bags as we will be more likely to be doing our PE lessons outside in the summer terms.

## Sharing news and home learning

If children complete work at home or bring in things related to our topic that they want to share with the class, we will do this as soon as we can fit it in. If they have any other news or achievements to share, we will aim to give them the opportunity to do this on Tuesdays as part of our circle time.

Most children seem to be happy coming into school now so we are asking that children stop bringing in objects from home as this is causing some upset in class.

Below are some ideas for activities your child could complete at home. If your child does any of these activities or any other work or activity linked to our topic, please share it with us.

<p>Make a detailed diagram of a castle, labelling interesting features which might be found inside or out. Perhaps you could find out about 'garderobes' or 'loopholes'?</p>	<p>Choose a British king or queen and write at least 3-4 facts about them.</p>	<p>Choose a well-known castle in Britain. Draw a basic map of Britain showing its location. Write 3-4 interesting facts about your castle.</p>
<p>Play a tumbling tower game such as Jenga with your family. What are the best ways of keeping the tower upright?</p>	<p>Draw and label a design for your own fantasy castle. What will your castle be built from? Who will live in it? What features does it have to protect the people who live in it?</p>	<p>Share as many Fairy Tales as you can. Which is your favourite?</p>