

Learning at Home

We cannot stress enough the importance of spending time with your children enjoying activities and time in the outdoors. Please continue to support your child with their reading and write your comments on your child's online reading record. We would also like to provide you with learning ideas that you can complete as a family. The below activities are meant to be fun and enjoyable for everyone. If your child is not engaging then leave it for a while and try again another day. The activities can be completed at anytime over the half term and brought into school for the children to celebrate with their friends.

Build a junk model castle.



Use empty boxes and tubes to create a castle. Ask your child to add the main features of a castle such as turrets, ramparts the draw-bridge and a moat. You could even try to add a portcullis.

Make a comparison between your home and a castle.



Watch the short clip of Barnaby Bear as he pretends to be the King of the Castle.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zqr4d2p>

Look at the clothes, food, lights, walls etc. How do they compare to the inside of your house?

Learning in Reception



Castles, Knights, and Dragons

Learning in Early Years

"Castles, Knights and Dragons"

This half term we will enjoy learning all about Castles, Knights and Dragons. We will look at the key features of castles and discuss their uses. We will learn about the people who have lived in castles and those who still do. Looking back through history we will explore different Monarchs, finding comparisons and differences between them and our current King Charles. We will transform our role play area into a castle, dungeon and forest school to enable the children to role play the different characters and roles.



Learning in Literacy

Speaking and Listening

We will be learning to retell stories using repeating phrases and to ask questions to gain answers to problems in the stories.

Our daily phonics sessions will follow our Read, Write, Inc scheme.

Reading

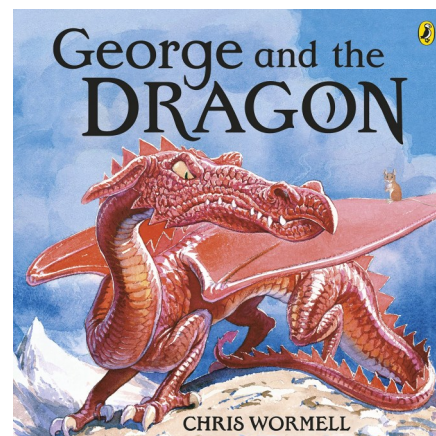
We will be reading lots of fiction and non-fiction texts both as a focus for our Literacy lessons and to also instil a love of reading. The children will read on a one to one basis each week and will have reading books sent home. It is important that the children read at home for 10-15 minutes every day.

Writing

We will be segmenting and blending cvc words in order to spell them correctly. Using the tripod grip the children will continue to practice the correct letter formation. The children will now be able to identify the initial sounds in words and will begin to focus on word endings using rhyming words.

Working together, parents as partners.

Please support your child by reading with them on a daily basis. Whether reading a story to them or listening to your child read their school reading books. You can also practice counting backwards and forwards to 10 and support your child as they practice writing their name.



Learning Outdoors

We will be working in our new Forest Garden area, planting bulbs and learning how to build a den. Here we will be growing herbs and vegetables, learning to nurture plants and take care of our environment.

We will also listen to stories in the outdoors whilst enjoying a nice warm drink.



Learning in Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to explore numbers. We will be Growing on 6, 7 and 8 subitising numbers and looking at their composition. We will compare groups of numbers and say which has the most/least. We will also learn to compare mass and capacity using the appropriate mathematical vocabulary.

Role Play and Small World

We will be exploring life in a castle, enjoying banquets, and defending our castle from enemies. We will look at different job roles within the castle from cook to guardsman and even the King or Queen. We will also look at Medieval food and drinks.

Personal, Social and Emotional Education

We will be focusing on building constructive and respectful relationships whilst showing resilience and perseverance in the face of new challenges.

Points to Remember

Please bring reading bags into school daily so that we can listen to the children read and change their books.

Ensure your child has a good waterproof winter coat to wear during outdoor play and a pair of wellington boots. Make sure your child's name is written on all of their clothing.

Children will wear their P.E kits for school on Wednesday every week.

