

Who's the king
of the castle?



Year 1
Term 5

Mrs Baker and Mrs Tebbitt
2024

English

We will start our topic by completing some non-fiction writing about castles including

drawing diagrams with labels. In week three we will start to look at our focus text

The princess and the pea and use this to write character descriptions and setting descriptions before planning and writing our own stories. We will also be writing in response to the book Tell Me a Dragon. This term we will learn about suffixes which is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a root word (er and est).



Maths

First we will learn to double and halve numbers, and write equations to represent doubling and halving. Then we will learn about the place value of ten



numbers including placing them on a number line, before learning how to measure length in different ways. Finally we will be learning all about coins and their values.



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Science

This term our focus will be about weather. We will learn about the different types of weather associated with each season.



Art Our texts will inspire us to paint pictures, create princess models and collages. We hope to make wooden castles. We will also be recreating The Castle and the Sun by Paul Klee.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash for our learning this term and use it for coding and creating a scene picture for a program and also programming a character to move.

History

We will be learning about Castles and Knights. How castles have changed, how they are different and what makes a good castle.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)

During our PSHE lessons we will be learning about money and how to look after it.

RE- Religious Education

We will be learning about special places and comparing and contrasting a Christian church and a Jewish synagogue.

Music

The children will be given opportunities to play instruments and listen to a selection of music with a focus on creating their own compositions.

Questions to Explore

What is a place of worship? (RE)

How does the weather change? (Science)

What time does it get dark? (Science)

Have you ever been to a castle? (History)

Would you like to live in a castle?

Could you make a model of a castle or paint a picture of one? We would love to see it!

PE

We will have 2 PE slots a week concentrating on striking and fielding skills. One will be taken by Mrs O'Daly who is part of Premier Sports. We are looking forward to Sports Day this term on Tuesday 7th May.

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and that all clothing is labelled.

Maths to try at home

Can you remember your doubles and halves?



Also why not have a go at some activities on Doodle Maths.

Sharing achievements

If there is something which your child would like to share with their class which is topic related or an achievement which they are proud of please send it in (or a photo via email) and we will try to find time to share it.

We kindly ask for you not to send toys in.
Thank you

Spellings

Spellings will be given out in books every Friday and collected in on Thursdays. Your child will also practise these at school. Please help them to learn them so that they can use them in their own writing.

Phonics

Phonics will be taught daily as a whole class. Some children will receive extra support depending on their learning needs. Please do practise the sounds and common exception word sheets that are sent home with them. This will help them to become fluent readers.

Reading

Hearing your child read is **vitaly important**. The expectation is your child reads **at least 5 times a week** and they will be rewarded with a raffle ticket. This will enter them into the termly draw where they could win a special prize with Mrs Pass!
Can your child make predictions about what they think might happen in their book?



**We would warmly
welcome any parent
volunteers to hear
readers**

