

Time to Talk

Use these questions to talk about castles and dragons at home.

- What do you think it would be like to be a knight or a princess?
- How would you feel if you were a knight or a princess? Brave, scared, happy?
- If you were King or Queen for the day, what would you do?
- What do you think it would be like to live in a castle?
- What are the parts of a castle called?
- If you could design your very own castle, what would your castle look like?
- If you had a dragon, what would it be like? What would it look like? What would it be able to do? Where would it live?

Key vocabulary

Castle, moat, arrow loop, turret, drawbridge, portcullis, tower, knight, armour, sword, shield, flags, dungeon, princess, prince, King, Queen, Lord, Lady, komodo dragon, bearded dragon, reptile, lizard, mythical, dragon, fearsome, scary, horns, scales, tail, claws, egg

We will be learning all about castles and dragons over the next few weeks of term.

We will use the stories listed below to help us as we learn facts about castles, role play living in a castle and what it would have been like years ago, make up our own stories about dragons (and knights/princesses), build castles, and even design our own dragons!

We continue with our Music, PE (we are currently learning about Dance and moving to music) and PATHS learning as well as further developing our understanding of our Guiding Stars; confidence, empathy, teamwork, safety, responsibility, perseverance.



Spring: Castles and Dragons



Castle and Dragon Knowledge – What will we learn?

History: I know that castles were built long ago. I can tell you things that are the same or different between the past and now.

Castles: I know castles were built for protection. I can tell you why lots of castles were built on a hill or higher ground. I know that castles were built out of strong material such as stone. I know where the moat is and why a castle has one. I know where the arrow loops are and why castles have them.

Life in a castle: I know a castle is where kings and queens live or lived. I know some job roles of people who live in a castle. I know Queen Elizabeth II lived in a castle called Windsor Castle. I know that castle now belongs to King Charles III.

Dragons: I know that most dragons are mythical figures. I can describe characters from stories, including dragons. I know that some dragons, including the komodo dragon and bearded dragon are reptiles, more commonly part of the lizard family, which have features very similar to that of mythical dragons.

Notices

Remember that your PE days are Monday – Squirrels PE

Tuesday – Hedgehogs PE

Please come to school in your PE kit for the whole day. During these chilly months, a tracksuit is recommended. Trainers please.

Friday: Library – please return your library book each week so that you can choose a new one!

Reading Books: Please ensure these are in school every day.

Water bottles: Water only please!

Books

Zog – Julia Donaldson

Tell Me a Dragon – Jackie Morris

The Very Last Castle – Travis Jonker

George's Dragon – Claire Freedman

There's No Such Thing as a Dragon – Jack Kent

Eyewitness Guide to Castles

Usborne – See Inside Castles