

## English

A mysterious sword, broken armour and extra-large claw prints were clues in the classroom, leading us to unfold the events of an Old English Legend. Who used the sword? Who owns the huge footprints?...all will be revealed!

We will read lots of other castle, knight and dragon related stories and information. We will write letters, recounts, diary entries, information texts, questions and stories.

We will complete shared reading, as a whole class each day and the children will read to an adult independently each week. Also guided group reading will begin later this term. Phonics will take place daily, where children will practise skills of reading, spelling and handwriting. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be taught

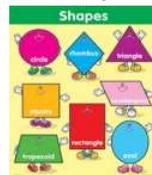
## Maths



In Mathematics our learning will cover counting, ordering and writing numbers, adding and subtracting (both written and mental methods). We will focus on 2d shapes and name and their properties. Symmetry will be explored as part of Maths and Art.

We will start to practise time tables in class and we encourage this at home, starting with the 10's, then 2's, 5's, 3's etc.

Each week there will be a Maths problem that the children will have a go at. Mathematics will be encouraged as part of weekly Home Learning. This learning will be specific to your child and will be tracked weekly.



## Autumn Term One Class Two

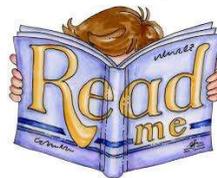
Topic Name

## **Knights, Castles and Dragons**

Class Books

**Saint George and the  
Dragon (various versions)**

**Castles  
Dragonology  
The Egg**



## Topic



We will discover the countries and capitals of the UK linking with stories of the Saints (including St. George). Then we will find out about the world's continents and oceans. We will develop our orienteering skills using the school ground. Then we'll work on map skills using compass points and grid references. This work will be linked to Knights, Castles and Dragons where possible.

We are planning to visit Bolsover Castle on September 28<sup>th</sup> where we will find out about its history and the Cavendish Family. We will also use the grounds to develop some Geography field skills. How exciting! More information to follow...

## Science

In Science the topic is 'Materials'. We will start off by sorting materials into groups according to their properties including transparent and opaque. Then we will think about changing materials through testing how malleable or pliable they are.

We will work on our investigative skills, think about predicting what will happen and begin to give ideas of how to make tests fair. We will also learn about famous Scientists and the special materials they created.

## RE

In R.E. we will learn about how people celebrate events in their lives and the importance of belonging to different groups. We will study baptism and christenings and we will look at the Jewish faith and how Bar Mitzvah's are special coming of age

<p>through English and Phonics sessions.</p> <p>Whole school Poetry week is also planned for later this term.</p>				<p>ceremonies. Lots of art work will be completed to help to express our ideas.</p>
<p><b>Art and D&amp;T</b></p> <p>We will explore vehicles and how free turning axles are necessary for a smooth ride. Using this knowledge we will construct trebuchets and battering rams to use in castle battles!</p> <p>Colour mixing is a focus this half term. We will learn to use shades and tints and produce a range of pieces linked to our topics including Shape in Maths.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT! We will explore keeping a steady pulse with our bodies and instruments to some well-known marches. We will appreciate works by different classical musicians and develop our singing voices in rounds. Musical dynamics will be worked upon through the use of symbols.</p>	<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>In Computing the focus will be programming and the children will be implementing a series of algorithms to control objects on and off screen.</p> <p>Online safety will be explored including keeping personal information private and asking for adult help and permission when online.</p>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>In P.S.H.E we will think about 'Rights and Responsibilities', our school core values, developing a growth mindset and our different learning styles. Please come and look at our 'Learning Dip' display. We will work upon overcoming learning challenges using our learning toolkit.</p> <p>We will also think about our future hopes and dreams.</p>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>P.E. will be on a Monday and Friday where the children will practise their sending and receiving skills and develop fundamental skills. They will need both indoor and outdoor kits with plimsolls. We will work on accurate and confident sending and receiving techniques with hands and feet.</p>

**We will have a Dress Up Day, Castle Feast and showcase of work near the end of the term. We hope you will come and see how busy we have been!**