



# Falcon Class Curriculum Letter

## Summer Term First Half 2024



Hello noble knights!

I hope you had a relaxing Easter Break.

This half-term we will be putting on our armour and riding in to the world of castles. We will be learning about the history and design of castles as well as exploring the traditions of noble knights. Below are some useful ideas on how you can support your child. Thank you for your continued support, it does make a difference!

Daryl Vokes.

### English

We will be learning to write descriptions about fantasy castles using the book 'Castles' by Colin Thomas.

**You could help your child at home by:**

Reading and retelling stories with castles in them e.g. Jack and the Beanstalk and talking about the characters and language in them.

There are numerous Jack and the Beanstalk videos on YouTube that your child could watch.

Reading books about castles and finding out information about the different parts and their history.

Visiting a real local castle and finding out some fun facts about it from leaflets (E.g. Porchester Castle, which is free!)

### Maths

Some of the things we will be exploring include:

- Mass, Capacity and Temperature
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

**You could help your child at home by:**

Practicing adding and subtracting in real life contexts. For example, when shopping (calculating change) or adding up dice totals in a board game.

Continuing to practice maths minute games.

Practicing reading thermometers – the children could take their own temperatures. They would also benefit from practical experience of weighing as well as measuring capacity. For example, weighing out ingredients for a cake and filling up different containers from measuring jugs.

### Design Technology

We will be designing flag bunting for the King and Queen. It would be useful if your child has seen bunting and looked at some different designs. They could always have a go at making their own medieval design and bringing it in to share at school.



### PE

P.E. is going to be outdoors this half term. Please ensure your child has their **full PE kit** in school every day.

### History

In History, we will study who built castles. We will be looking at Medieval Castles (Arundel). The website below contains lots of useful information about castles:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Castles.html>

### Parent helpers

***Our class visit to Arundel Castle is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and I am looking for volunteers to accompany us.*** I would also like to invite in parents who could spare any time to hear readers, as this is the most important skill we can develop with the children and your help makes a huge difference!