



Falcon Class Curriculum Letter



Summer Term First Half 2022

Hello noble knights and maidens!
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. The children will also be sitting their **SATs** on the **4th & 5th and 18th & 19th May**. Please could you ensure your child has sufficient sleep on those days. 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 Bean stalk videos on YouTube that your child could watch.

Reading some 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:

- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- 2D and 3D shape

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.

Going on a shape hunt to find 2D and 3D shapes e.g. Hexagons, Rectangles, Cones and Pyramids. Talk about the number of sides they have (2D shapes) and the number of edges and faces they have (3D shapes). You could also learn their names and create shape pictures with 2D shapes or build castles

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

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

History

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

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

Parent helpers

I would like to ask for any parent volunteers who would like to help out on our school trip to Arundel Castle on Friday the 20th May. Please see me or contact the school office. A letter with details about the trip will follow shortly.