



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

29th October 2018

Knights and Dragons



Welcome back to a new and exciting half term.

Our topic for next half term is 'Knights and Dragons'. We really hope that this topic will open up the children's imaginations allowing them to step back in time to become budding Knights, Princes and Princesses. We will be exploring both mythological stories about Dragons but also will be linking it to our Ten Town Maths knowledge.

Attached are some of the activities that the children will be taking part in and some ideas for activities you can take part in at home.

Snack Money

Just a reminder for any outstanding snack money. This can be paid in full (£15 a year) or in half termly amounts of £2.50. Many thanks.

The Wow Tree

Please keep bringing in the 'wows'. We have had some wonderful wows so far and the children are so proud to share their achievements with us.

Cold Weather

As it is getting colder now can we please ask that children come to school with warm outdoor clothing everyday. Please name all items including gloves, hats and scarves as this will help us tremendously to sort lost items.

Parents Evening - Tuesday 6th November and Wednesday 7th November 2018

This is an opportunity for you to come and see what we have been doing so far, look at your child's individual profile and talk to us about any concerns. Both Mrs Ahmad and Mrs Tucker will be available on both days. Appointments are still available if you haven't already done so via the online booking system.

Polite Request

Can we please remind you that for health and Safety reasons, we politely request pushchairs are left outside.

Positive 'Bebehaviour' Chart

Some of you may already be aware that we have begun to use a behaviour chart within Nursery. This is an approach that is being used throughout the whole school and has rewards for good behaviour in the form of a sticker each time a child has 'buzzed up' to the top.

The BLOG

Hopefully, this will be up and running soon. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Ahmad, Mrs Tucker and the Nursery Team



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PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Making relationships, Self-confidence and self-awareness & managing feelings and behaviour

Continue to Learn Nursery routines and rules, e.g. what happens at tidy up time? How do we sit nicely on the carpet? Sharing toys etc.

Continue to explore the Nursery both indoors and out and making choices about where they would like to play, taking turns, making friends.

Taking part in focused activities to learn new skills and understand that some tasks may be hard and it is ok to ask for help.

SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) activities relating to 'Getting on and falling out' and looking at and recognising our feelings.



Taking part in the Nursery Nativity—working as a group and being responsible for their own part in the production.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE – Understanding & Speaking

Singing time - Learning songs and rhymes relating to the topic -

- There was a Princess long ago
- Puff the Magic Dragon
- Bernie the Dragon has 5 teeth
- Various Christmas and Nativity songs for you to practise at home.

Story time - Children will be encouraged to talk about the story and join in with certain actions. (Talk for Writing)

- Cinderella
- Rapunzel
- The Princess and the Pea
- George and the Dragon
- The Dragon Machine
- Child of the week stories.

Question time - What do you know about Dragons? Knights? Castles? Etc.

Christmas - Practising for the Christmas performance.

Learning songs and Nursery Rhymes.

Learning the story of the Nativity.

Writing letters to Santa.

MATHEMATICS – Numbers & Shape, space and measure

Number songs - Bernie the Dragon has 5 teeth

Ten Town-introducing Tommy 2, Thelma 3, Freddy 4 and Fiona 5.

Making a castle with 2D shapes on paper and IWB

Recording language as children build models with construction materials.

Exploring the resources available in the number area - sorting shapes, arranging shapes, shape jigsaws.

Writing numbers on Bernie's 5 teeth. Use positional language to describe where the dragon, prince, princess are.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD – People and communities, The world & Technology

Learn and find out about Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali—keep an eye on the BLOG.



Learn about castles and who lives in them. Use information found on the internet and from books.

Learn how to select and use the different tools on programmes such as Purple Mash to create pictures of a castle/shield /princess, etc using shapes on the IWB

Learn about Knights and their role.

Using ipads to record images, E.g. Finding shapes and taking pictures of the models of castles they have made.

Use the small world resources to recreate imaginary play.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT - Moving and Handling & Self care

PE - Knights training school - Climbing, balancing, crawling. Actions songs and ring games. There was a Princess long ago. Moving to music.

Outdoor activities - Getting coats and wellies on if needed. Bikes and scooters, large construction/building castles, balls, obstacle courses, balance beams etc.

Mark making will be available in most areas of provision and outside to develop both gross motor movements and fine motor.

Lots of creative activities including making Divas for Diwali as well as using a range of different tools and equipment to create different effects.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN – Exploring and using media and materials & Being imaginative

Learning new topic based songs

Explore colour in paint mixing area and textures in tactile area.

Learning how to use tools for baking, technology & painting.

Explore role play in all provision areas especially home corner and outdoors.

Home corner turned into a Castle

Design Technology area - Can you make a shield for a Knight?

Making a Knights helmet - drawing around and cutting out a template.

Baking - Parkin; working as a group, taking turns and sharing resources.



LITERACY – Reading & Writing

Singing - learning our topic based songs.

Phonic based activities taken from Letters and Sounds teaching programme:-

- Instrumental sounds
- Dragons footsteps - (Grandma's footsteps)
- movements to sounds
- New words to old songs
- Rhyming soup
- Rhyming bingo
- Rhyming books
- Playing with words

Lots of mark making activities will be available both inside and out.

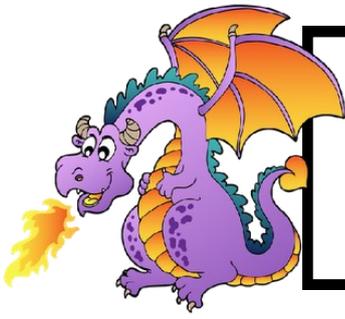
Writing - The office area will be a castle writing area with mini books, stamps, word mats, topic shaped paper, feathers attached to pens to represent quills.



Ideas to try at home

- Sing our topic based songs and watch the clips on Youtube.
- Look for shapes at home. Challenge your child to a shape hunt, asking them questions that allow them to tell you about the differences between each shape they find.
- Make a model or draw a picture of a castle and bring it in to show us.
- Draw a picture or make a collage out of shapes and bring it in to show us.
- Visit Skipton Castle and talk about it's features.

**HOME
LEARNING**



Dragons and Knights



Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honah Lee,
Little Jackie paper loved that rascal puff,
And brought him strings and sealing wax and other fancy stuff. oh

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Together they would travel on a boat with billowed sail
Jackie kept a lookout perched on puffs gigantic tail,
Noble kings and princes would bow whenever they came,
Pirate ships would lower their flag when puff roared out his name.
oh!

We will be sending out
Christmas songs

separately , for you to prac-
tise with your child at
home.

To the tune of 'I'm a Little Tea pot'
I'm a Knight in Armour, look at me,
See how shiny I can be.
With my visor up my eyes you'll see,
But with it down it protects me.
I'm a little Dragon, strong and stout,
Here's my tail and here's my snout.
If you get me upset, you better watch out,
I'll give you something to shout about! Roar!

To the tune of 'Alice the Camel'
Bernie the Dragon has 5 teeth,
Bernie the Dragon has 5 teeth,
Bernie the Dragon has 5 teeth,
and now he's out of puff, huh,huh,huh.

There was a Princess long-ago, long-ago, long-ago,
There was a Princess long-ago
Long-a-go!

And she lived in a big high tower etc.
The naughty fairy waved her wand...
The Princess slept for a hundred years...
A great big forest grew around...
A handsome Knight came riding by...

He took his sword and cut it down...
He kissed her hand to wake her up...

So everybody's happy now, happy now, happy now,
So everybody's happy now
Happy now!