



Prairie Falcon Class Curriculum Letter Summer Term 2019 First Half Term



Castles and Knights

Greetings 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. The children will be sitting their SATS the week beginning **Monday 20th May**. Please could you ensure your child has sufficient sleep and a good breakfast on the days of the SATs test. I will continue to send home practice questions throughout the half-term which will help your child succeed. I really appreciate all the help you have given your children so far, it really does make a huge difference!

Below are some further useful ideas on how you can help your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Zara Noyce

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 local castle and finding out some fun facts about them from leaflets or talking to the tour guides. (E.g. Porchester Castle)

Maths

Some of the things we will be exploring include:

- 2D and 3D shapes
- Statistics (pictograms, tally charts, bar graphs)
- Measuring in centimetres and meters

You could help your child at home by:

- Practicing SATS papers and discussing them with your child.
- Continuing to practice maths minute games.
- Go on a shape hunt around the home or local area looking for 2D and 3D shapes.
- Practice making a tally chart e.g. for keeping a score in a board game or for the number of different coloured smarties in a tube. You could use the tally chart to create a bar graph.
- Practice using a ruler to measure different things around the home.

Please also continue to practise telling the time. This is a vital skill that needs lots of repetition in order to stick!

Design Technology

We will be designing 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 practising their sewing skills at home too!

History

In History we will study who built castles and we will be going to look at a Medieval Castle in Arundel. The website below contains useful information about castles:

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

PE

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

Parent Helpers

I would again like to extend a warm friendly welcome to any parents who could spare a few hours to listen to children read or support learning in class. Your support really makes a difference.