

Puffins
Newsletter Autumn 2017

Castles

Our topic for the term is detailed overleaf.

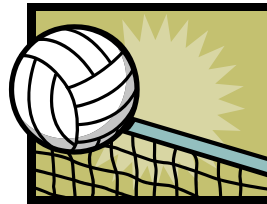
Ways you can help your child-

- Please share a book each day and fill in your Reading Records.
- Please learn key words/sounds/spellings.
- Please continue to check your child has their own uniform and return any items belonging to others.
- Read fairy tales and explore non-fiction books about castles.
- Visit any castles.
- We very much value your support at school. If you could spare a morning, an afternoon or an hour once a week to help us, we would be very grateful.

Please ensure that your child has a coat at school EVERY DAY- it can always stay on the peg if they don't need it.

Reading

Your child will be bringing home their book bag every day. Please sign in the Reading Record/Rainbow Card each time your child reads with you. It is important that your child reads with you daily. The children are all asked to choose a new book every day, but sometimes they forget. If your child has forgotten to change their book, please feel free to come into the classroom after school and help them choose a new one from the colour they have been given. They also have spellings/key words and /or sounds to learn which need to be practised daily.



The children will need their kit at school every day. Please make sure that all their kit is named and that they are able to change independently. Our regular PE days will be Tuesday and Friday.

Please could you make sure your child has a labelled bottle of water each day.

Please make sure that everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled.

Thank you

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Expressive Arts and Design

Sketching
Colour mixing
Tapestry design
Trebuchet design
Coats of Arms
Harvest pictures
Christmas Production

Language and Literacy

Phonics
Handwriting and spelling
Factual writing
Fairy tales
Invitations
Instruction writing
CVC words
Simple sentences

Mathematics

We differentiate maths work according to the children's needs.
Number
Place Value
Measurements
Positional language
Comparative language/measures
Shape

Understanding the World

Features of castles
Geography of castles/Map work
Who lives in a castle?
Knights
William the Conqueror/Battle of Hastings
Castle defence/making a trebuchet
Materials for building
Trip to Lewes Castle

Physical Development

Gymnastics
Dance
Wheeled toys/outside equipment
Castle building
Dragon hunting
Scissors and tools
Tapestry

Personal and Social

Golden Rules
Harvest
Christmas
Remembrance Day
Stories from different religions

Role play

Outside-George and the Dragon
Inside-Castle

Core Value

Respect (Knights code)