

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**

# Castles

## 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)