

# Dungeons and Dragons

Dear Parents/carers,

I am extremely excited to continue teaching your children this year. Our theme for the Spring Term will be 'Dungeons and Dragons' and the children will be travelling back in time to explore the Stone Age, Medieval Europe and homes throughout history. We have linked every area of our learning to our topic and the children have already begun to think about what they would like to learn within this topic.

Home will be set weekly on Fridays and will be due in the following Thursday.

Main Activities and outcomes	How can you help at home/ useful info and support
<p><u>English</u> – In English the children will be learning about fairy tales, poetry and patterned text, the format of letters, information texts based on castles and Knights and a recount of their trip to a castle.</p>	<p>We will be starting the term looking at letters from the past. It would benefit your child to spend some time look at the presentation of letters. (For example, where the addresses are etc.) They could also explore some fairy tales and learn some of the features of these.</p>
	<p>Sharing and enjoying reading with your child, whether they read to you or are read to would help them through all aspects of their learning.</p>

Maths – In maths during the Spring term, the children will be developing their mathematical skills. We will be learning to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will also be learning about different kinds of measures e.g capacity and weight.

Can you encourage your child to think about the weight of objects at home by using the words 'heavier' and 'lighter' to describe them. They could also practice counting in multiples of 2,5 and 10 by timing how long it takes them to reach a certain number.

Science – we will be investigating everyday materials and their properties. We will be predicting and testing the best type of material for a Knight's armour.

Could you investigate different types of material and discuss what common objects at home are made of? You could discuss why these materials have been used and what else they could be used for.

History – using our time 'Dungeons and Dragons' topic we will be investigating homes in the past from caves in the stone age to castles in medieval Europe.

Research and compare prehistoric Britain to modern day life. How has it changed? What are the main changes? What do we have now that people wouldn't have had back then?

Computing – We will be using programs such as 'Scratch' to explore programming and controlling characters in a fairy tale scene. We will also be learning how to safely research information on the internet and how to present information in different formats.

At home, you and your children could use word documents and PowerPoint to improve their skills using computers and technology.



PE – In our PE lessons we will be developing a range of skills like jumping, throwing, catching and running. We will then be using these skills in a range of team games. We will also be using our topic knowledge to create a knight's and dragon's dance.

Your children to join sports clubs either within or outside the school to support their Physical education and development.

It is important we encourage the importance of exercise and physical fitness to lead healthy lifestyles from a young age.

Art/DT – In Art we will be learning to design and make our own medieval coat of arms.

At home, your children could research medieval heraldry and the meanings for the colours and symbols.

We will also be designing and modelling our own mythical creature with a variety of materials.

Your child could also explore the creatures from myths and legends with your child.

Please come and see me with any concerns, information and questions you may have. You can contact me briefly before and after school, as well as through the office. I look forward to working with you to develop your child's learning and supporting them through year 1.

Miss Nield, Miss Leanne, Miss Down & Miss Dixon



