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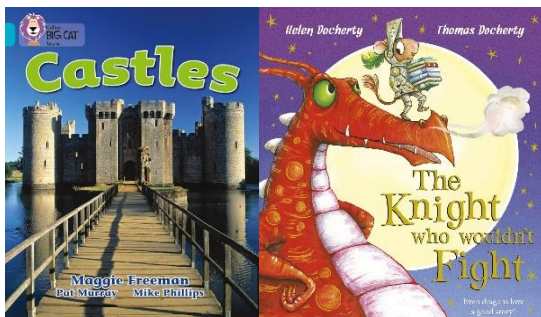


Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the Spring 1 Year Two newsletter. This half term, our topic in Year 2 is "**Kings, Queens and Castles**"

As part of this topic, we will be learning all about the different parts of a castle and why these parts are needed. We will also be learning about knights. We will interact with a knight and help him to rescue his friends from inside an enemy castle. We will write about castles too!

As **Readers and Writers**, we will be reading the following stories:



We will do two pieces of writing based around these books, learning to use commas in a list, expanded noun phrases, apostrophes for contraction and possession, questions and exclamations. We will also focus on our spelling.

Here is a link to the '**Knight that Wouldn't Fight**' story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3YEwyUMp2c>

Questions to discuss at home

Who is our current monarch?

What is the job of a monarch and how has this changed over time?

How does someone become a monarch?

Key Vocabulary to learn

We will be learning lots of new vocabulary this half-term. Can you practice reading and saying these words at home?

Monarch, castle, barbican, knight, tower, moat, draw bridge, arrow loops, battlements, crenels, protection.

In **science**, we are going to be looking at diet and how we stay healthy. These are the key questions we will explore:

- What foods do we need to eat and how much?
- Why are some foods good for us but others are not?
- What do we mean by a balanced diet?

We will think about exercise and why this is important. In **DT**, we will also create a healthy meal together which the children will get to try.

In **maths**, we will be covering a range of skills including multiplication, division, shape and symmetry. We will look at solving multiplication with groups and arrays and solving division with grouping and sharing.

To learn more about your maths topics, you could access these resource:

To learn about multiplication and division:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h>

To learn about symmetry:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmrcwmn>

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if you are having any problems accessing this at home. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

Home learning expectations

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book	X3 a week
TT Rockstar - Soundcheck	Daily – for 10 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

Thank you!

The Year Two team