



Turrets and Tiaras!

Maple Class Term 4

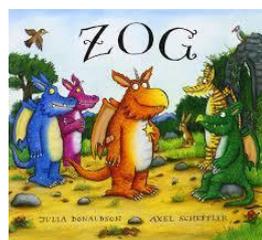
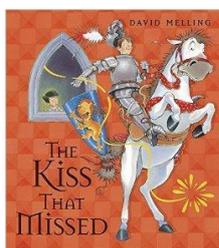
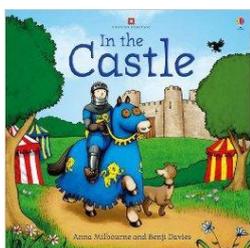


Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term!

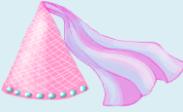
Our topic this term is 'Turrets and Tiaras'. We will be spending time learning about castles, knights, kings and queens. As part of this topic, we will look at non-fiction books and will be writing letters, posters and invitations. We are planning on taking a trip to Hever Castle and a letter about this will follow shortly. We will also enjoy a Royal Banquet at school with our friends and full details of this will follow in due course. This term's learning will begin with a very mysterious visitor to the classroom!

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



Home Learning

We would like to thank you all for your effort with last term's home learning tasks including reading with your children. The children have made great progress with learning sounds and every read will help this to become more secure. The homework will continue as last term.

<p>Reading</p>	<p>Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for 5 minutes. It is really important that the children bring their book bags, yellow reading record and their reading book into school every day. When reading with your child please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments book, or you may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary. High frequency words are on the back of the yellow reading record book for the children to learn 5 at a time.</p>
<p>Writing</p>	<p>We would really like to encourage the children to work on their fine motor skills. Please encourage them to thread, pour, mix and cut. We will also be sending home letter formation sheets for the children to complete in their own time.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>The most important thing for children in their reception year is that they can read, write, order and recognise numbers to 20. Please encourage the children to count their toys when playing and try to write and use numbers when appropriate at home. Number spotting as you go about your everyday lives is also a wonderful way to cement learning.</p>
<p>Home Creative Task</p>	<p>We would love all children to have a go at making their own knight's shield or princess' hat! You could use cardboard and decorate with paint, stickers, sequins or anything you choose. Think about designing a shield with your family name on, or a hat with a beautiful pattern or picture.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>

Key questions to ask your child at home:

Who lived in a castle?

Who worked in a castle?

How is living in a castle different from living in a house?

What job would you like to have done in the castle?



Key vocabulary this term:

Castle, knights, princesses, kings, queens, moat, drawbridge, jousting, banquet, hennin hats, portcullis, crenulations

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 3 and 4 games, blending sounds and words.

If you wish to make games to have fun at home with learning, you can print from:

www.twinkl.co.uk and search Knights, Castles or Kings and Queens, to find games and activities to learn vocabulary and facts linked to the topic.

Film show:

We have been working on some literacy inspired films. We would love to invite you to come and see them on Wednesday 11th March at 2.45 in our classroom. They are short and very sweet and the children are very pleased with them.

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bags each day.
- Please ensure the children always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable. Now that the weather is getting warmer, children will need a sun hat and suncream applied before school on sunny days. We spend a lot of our time outside and need to ensure that the children are safe.
- Our PE day is Monday. Please make sure your child has their kit each week.



We hope you all enjoy sharing this learning journey with your children. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Boldero and Miss Munn

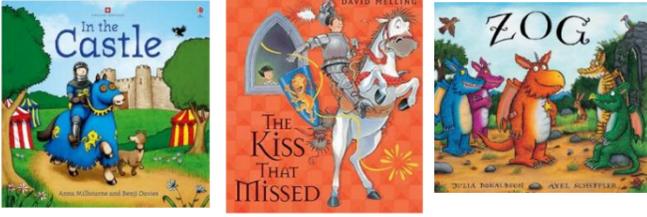


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Learning Map

What are we learning this term?



<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Stories and Non-fiction Texts</p> 	<p>Invitations and WANTED posters</p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Addition, Subtraction with teen numbers</p> $3+17 = 20 \quad 17+3 = 20$ $4+16 = 20 \quad 16+4 = 20$	<p>2D/ 3D Shapes and Problem Solving</p> 
<p>Expressive Art and Design</p> 	<p>Dancing and Movement</p> 	<p>Castle Themed Role Play & Construction</p> 
<p>Understanding the world</p> 	<p>Castles, Knights</p> 	<p>Science Week</p> 
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p>	<p>Keeping Happy</p> 	<p>Safety and Rules on trips/ in different situations.</p> 
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>Fine motor skills – Threading and tying</p> 	<p>Healthy Me!</p> 
<p>Communication and Language</p>	<p>Listening and Talking to others</p> 	<p>Confidence to ask questions</p> 