



Gorse Hall Reception Newsletter Summer Term 1 2022

PE day will once again be on **Friday** each week. Children need to come each **Friday** in PE kits/Sports clothes

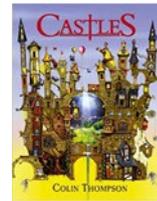
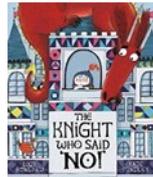
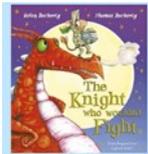
Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We are now looking forward to another busy and fun packed half term.

What are we going to be learning?

This half term our topic is 'Knights, Castles and Dragons' The children will be finding out all about knights and castles and how they differ from their own houses. We will be looking at ruined castles and how they look now. As well as the role of a knight. Here are just a few of the activities we will be carrying out :

- * Sharing a selection of stories, both fiction and non fiction based on the themes of Knights and Castles, and dragons. Writing some facts we have found out about our topics.
- * Making non fiction books.
- * Finding out about the life of a young knight.
- * Looking at features of castles and how they differ from our own homes.
- * Looking at the locations of castles in Great Britain

Here are some of the books that we will be sharing...



These are the learning objectives we are working on this half term in Communication/Language and Literacy

- * Building up the children's knowledge of high frequency/tricky words, so that they can instantly recognise and read these.
- * Using non fiction books and the internet to find information.
- * Independently writing sentences/captions that can be read by themselves and others.
- * Experiencing writing for different purposes— messages, stories, information, labels, letters etc.
- * Looking at simple punctuation -full stops, question marks, exclamation marks and capital letters.
- * Naming letters of the alphabet.
- * Reading high frequency words and beginning to spell them correctly when involved in own writing.
- * Improving our letter formation
- * Answering questions about texts that we have read to show understanding.
- * Building and extending our vocabulary and speaking skills

These are the learning objectives we are working on this half term in Maths

- * Counting backwards from 30, counting in 2s to 30, 5s to 50 and 10s to 200.
- * Using the 100 square to find and follow number patterns
- * Recognising, writing and ordering numbers to 20+
- * Solving simple subtraction problems, counting back to find the answer.
- * Understanding doubling, halving and sharing with numbers first to 10
- * Stating what is 1 more than or 1 less than a given number between 0-20.
- * Recalling number bonds to 10—how many different ways can you make 10?
- * Using the language of time and distance.
- * Describing some 3D shapes in terms of their properties—cone, pyramid, sphere, cube, cuboid, cylinder

As always. It is vital that you continue to check our Seesaw app regularly as this is our main way of communicating

Seesaw

Our **Jigsaw** topic, this term, is 'Relationships' this will include talking about;
Friendships and what makes a good friend.
How to treat and respect others
How to help ourselves and others when we feel upset or hurt
How to build other good relationships.