

## Time to Talk

### Use these questions to talk about castles and dragons at home.

- What do you think it would be like to be a knight or a princess?
- How would you feel if you were a knight or a princess? Brave, scared, happy?
- If you were King or Queen for the day, what would you do?
- What do you think it would be like to live in a castle?
- What are the parts of a castle called?
- If you had a dragon, what would it be like? What would it look like? What would it be able to do? Where would it live?

## Wow Words

Castle, moat, arrow loop, turret, drawbridge, portcullis, tower, knight, armour, sword, shield, flags, dungeon, princess, prince, king, queen, dragon, fearsome, scary, horns, scales, tail, claws, egg

We will be learning all about castles and dragons over the next few weeks of term.

We will use the stories listed below to help us as we learn facts about castles, role play living in a castle, role play stories which include dragons (and knights/princesses), build castles, design our own dragons and lots more!

We will also learn about Chinese New Year, including why and how this is celebrated.

We continue with our Music, PE and PATHS learning as well as further developing our understanding of our Guiding Stars; confidence, empathy, teamwork, safety, responsibility, perseverance.



## Spring: Castles and Dragons



### Castle and Dragon Knowledge – What will we learn?

**Castles:** I know why most castles were built on a hill or higher ground. I know most castles are made of stone. I know where the moat is and why a castle has one. I know where the arrow loops are and why castles have them.

**Life in a castle:** I know a castle is where kings and queens live or lived. I know some job roles of people who live in a castle. I know our Queen Elizabeth II lives in a castle called Windsor Castle.

**Dragons:** I know dragons are mythical figures. I can describe characters from stories, including dragons.

## Notices

**Friday:** PE – please come to school in your PE kit for the whole day. During these chilly months, a tracksuit is recommended. Trainers please.

**Friday:** Library – please return your library book each week so that you can choose a new one!

**Reading Books:** Please ensure these are in school every day.

**Water bottles:** Water only please!

## Stories

Zog/Zog and the Flying Doctors – Julia Donaldson

Tell Me a Dragon – Jackie Morris

The Very Last Castle – Travis Jonker

George's Dragon – Claire Freedman

There's No Such Thing as a Dragon – Jack Kent

Cinderella