



Literacy

This half term we will use Saint George as our inspiration, celebrating St George's Day, retelling his legend and writing in role. As "Castles and Knights" is our main focus, the children will create reports and fact sheets about the features of a castle and those who lived in medieval times. We will also investigate how to become a knight! Towards the end of this half term, we will take inspiration from the seasonal changes and create some spring poetry, focusing on using our senses.

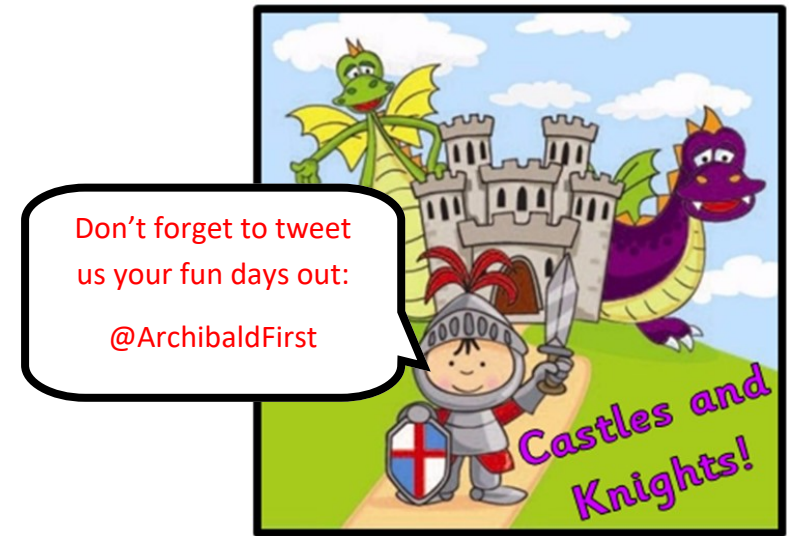
Children will continue to have their reading books changed twice a week. If your child wants to read more than this, we encourage the reading of any books at home. Please ensure reading diaries are **signed** to enable us to change your child's books. When reading with your child remember to discuss what has happened, how characters are feeling, predicting what may happen and encouraging expression. Thank you for your support!

Numeracy

We will be focusing on problem solving this half term and expanding on our reasoning skills. The children will be applying their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to different word problems and explaining their answers. We will also cover fractions, thinking about halves, quarters and thirds.

The children will look again at key skills such as number bonds, telling the time, the days of the week and months of the year. Wearing a watch can really help children to learn to tell the time. Can they tell you the time for different events during the day? We will be learning o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour.

We will be encouraged to use our knowledge of shape; both 2D and 3D, to design our own shields and even see if we can use symmetry too!



Castle Websites

<http://www.alnwickcastle.com>

<http://www.kidsonthenet.org.uk/castle>

<http://www.castlesontheweb.com>

<http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/castles/>

Brilliant Days out...

Newcastle Castle Keep www.newcastlecastle.co.uk/

Warkworth Castle <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/warkworth-castle-and-hermitage/>

Bamburgh Castle <http://www.bamburghcastle.com/>

Year 1 will have their very own brilliant day out to Alnwick Castle on Friday 10th May 2019!

Please collect cardboard, cereal boxes and kitchen roll tubes for our DT project in Week 6.