



# P.P.S. Oak Class

February 2019  
Spring Term

## Castles

Before half term we spoke as a class about what we would like to learn about after half term. After sharing ideas and voting, we have decided to learn about castles; including dragons, knights and princesses.

### Literacy

We will be talking about what a question is and how and when we ask questions, including looking at the question mark symbol. We will then ask and write down questions that we have about castles, before using non-fiction and the internet to answer these. We will also be reading stories about dragons and making our own wanted posters for an escaped dragon! This will also involve creating dragon adventure stories about where the missing dragon might have travelled to.

### Mathematical Development

We will start the half term by recapping 2D shapes. This will include naming simple shapes and describing how many corners and sides they have. We will be using 2D shapes to create our own castles and decorate crowns using shape patterns. We will then be moving onto subtraction, counting back from 20 and beginning to verbally give subtraction number sentences.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be working with our friends to design and make castles using a variety of large and small construction materials. We will continue to practise giving our own ideas as well as listening to the ideas of others in order to make successful castles. We will also be

making up our own stories around dragons, knights and princesses, using costumes and props to help us. In order to make successful stories, we will have to share the resources using sand timers and use our words to help us communicate effectively with our friends.

Below are a few activities that you might like to do with your child at home, however please feel free to bring in any other learning activities you have carried out with your child:

- Look for shapes when you are out and about. What shape are the different road signs? Can you talk about their properties?
- Create your own castle or dungeon using recycling that you have at home. What will it look like? How will you stick it all together?
- Visit the library and read stories about castles, dragons, princesses and knights. What was your favourite part of the story and why? If you were to change the ending to the story, what would happen?

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning at home, it makes a real difference in their learning journey. It has been fantastic to celebrate so many home challenges in school, so please continue to complete these. Some will be able to be completed within a week and others will take longer. If you have any questions about these, please speak to Mrs Fogden or Mrs Gill.