



# Turrets and Tiaras

## Reception Term 4

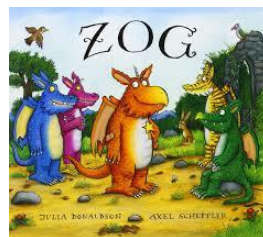
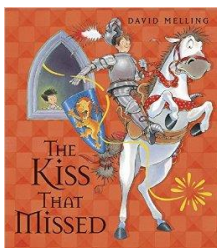
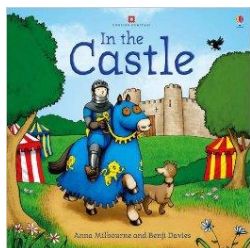


Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We 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 also planning on taking a trip to a castle and will be enjoying a Royal Banquet with our friends. Letters for these events will follow shortly. This term's learning will begin with a very mysterious visitor to the classroom!

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:

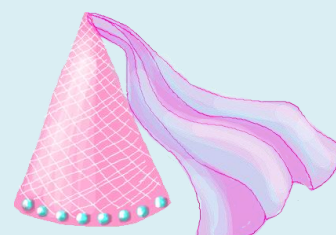


## Home Learning

We would like to thank you all for your effort with last terms 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.

Reading	<p>Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for 5 minutes.</p> <p>It is really important that the children bring their book bags, reading record and their reading book into school <u>every day</u>. When reading with your child please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in the comments book</u>, or you may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary.</p> <p>High frequency cards are in your child's book bag. Please try to learn these at home with your children and new ones will be given once the children are secure with them.</p>
Writing	<p>The children continue to use their home learning books for sound work and for any other writing tasks that they choose to complete at home. As we move through new sounds, these will be added to the books for children to use as in previous terms.</p>

Maths	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 recognise and use numbers when appropriate at home. <u>A meeting for supporting Maths learning at home will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm.</u> Please come along for a quick maths session and information about how the 'Numberblocks' programmes support our learning.
Home Creative Task	We would love all children to have a go at making their own shield for a knight or princess hennin 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.



### Key questions to ask your child at home:

Who lived in a castle? How is living in a castle different to living in a house?

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

### Key vocabulary

Castle, knight, princess, king, queen, moat, drawbridge, jousting, banquet, hennin hat, portcullis, crenellations, shield

### Useful Websites

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk) and [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) for Literacy and Maths games.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://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](http://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.

### Friday Afternoon Learning Journey Sharing

Every other Friday at 3.15pm, we will opening our doors for parents to come in and share their child's learning journey with them. Please feel free to come in whenever you choose. There is no expectation for parents to come every week as some weeks we have more to share than others but it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible over the coming weeks. We will be asking any visitors to add a small speech bubble to the learning journey to comment on a beautiful piece of work or an achievement that you are proud of. Please come to the classroom door as normal.



## Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in these items every day:  
a water bottle  
book bag  
coat
- As the last class newsletter stated, the children will now be coming into the classroom independently in the mornings and leaving parents on the playground. The side door will not be in use in the mornings. If you arrive at school a little late, please take your child through the office where Mrs Dann will bring them to the classroom. Thank you so much for your support with this. It will help the children to be confident with this routine before moving into Year 1.
- Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday but PE kits should be in all 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. It is such a pleasure to be learning with your wonderful children!

Mrs Winchester, Mrs Fry and Ms Eldridge





# ‘Turrets and Tiaras’ Learning Map

What are we learning this term?



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