



# Once Upon a Time

## What happens in Fairy-tale Land?

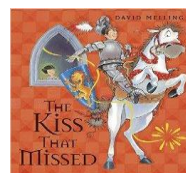
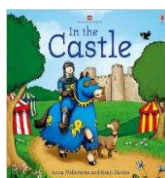


### Term 4

Dear Parents,

Our topic this term is 'Once upon a time'. 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 enjoying a Royal Banquet with our friends.

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



### Home Learning

<b>Reading</b>	As per last term, Hedgehogs will bring one Little Wandle book home for an entire week. Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for 5 minutes. It is really important that the children bring their book bags and their reading book into school <b>every day</b> . When reading with your child, please could you log this on BoomReader- Please let me know if you need a new log in!
<b>Writing</b>	Hedgehogs will continue to practice their letter formation. We will be trying to encourage the children to become more independent writers. They are really developing their ability to write in a phonetically plausible way (ie. I am a reallee good righter) and it is essential that they are not corrected, but are encouraged to write in as many contexts as possible (cards to grandparents, shopping lists, signs around the house). Rabbits will be continuing to work on writing and recognising their name.
<b>Maths</b>	All children will be working on their counting and problem solving. Please encourage the children to count their toys when playing and try to write and use numbers when appropriate at home. If they are struggling with teen numbers, do write out number cards and put them on the stairs or around the house so that you can play 'spot the number.'

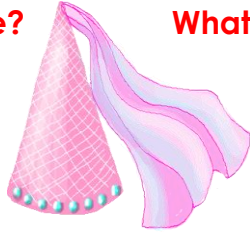
**Key questions to ask your child at home:**

**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, knights, princesses, kings, queens, moat, drawbridge, jousting, banquet, portcullis, crenulations

**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.

**Quick Reminders**

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their book bags each day. This should be filled with water only. They must also always have a coat, even if it is sunny first thing in the morning.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Howes & Miss Curryer