



## Year 4 Autumn topic overview

The children have been enthusiastic in their first few weeks at school, making a great start to the year - the staff are very pleased to have you back!

### Our learning

We have an exciting term ahead of us with lots of inspiring learning. Today we had our Big Bang for our new topic **Kings, Queens and Castles**.



The children will be thinking like historians, learning about the monarchy through the ages and will delve into the lives of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I as well as many more who reigned. We will gain an understanding of chronology by creating a timeline of the key people and events, consider life in the past and the monarchs' impact on society.

During the second half term, we will focus on castles. Throughout all of our topic learning, the children will be able to steer the focus to what interests them and the questions they would like to answer. This might include why castles were important in the past and to research the physical features that protected and defended them. We plan to make 3D castles at the end of the topic.



We have some great books to inspire our writing and these link with our topics. To keep the excitement and mystery, we are going to keep these a secret until we reveal them to the children.



### Useful Information:

- Home-school reading: Ensure your child reads for 15 minutes every day and sign their reading record to show this. It is also important that you read to your child so that they can enjoy listening to new vocabulary and stories - why not have a daily story time?
- We have two days of PE, Monday/Tuesday for Mint Class and Tuesday/Thursday for Lavender Class. The children can come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please make sure all items of clothing have your child's name in, as well as their PE bag. Long hair needs to be tied up for PE and earrings need to be removed or covered.
- Continue to bring in a named water bottle to their class - the children have been doing a great job at remembering this!
- The children need to know all their times tables facts up to 12x12. Keep practising these by initially counting in groups of the number and then applying this to the multiplication facts, first in sequence and then out of sequence.
- Children will be given a set of passwords to keep in a safe place at home. They will be able to access our Google Classroom and play maths games on Times Tables Rockstars.



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