



Calke Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back, Calke families! We are getting ready for a busy, fun filled half term. We are going to be exploring our new topic as well as many exciting special days such as:

- World book day.
- Science week
- Mothers day
- Shakespeare week.

Keep an eye out for EFL for some lovely photos.

If you have any questions, please contact me Kirsty.Niven@ivy.set.org

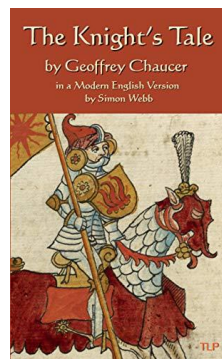


Key Concepts and Skills

This half term, we are very excitedly going back in time to explore life in Medieval times.

We are going to be learning about strong castle, brave knights, silly jesters and royal kings and queens.

We will also be exploring life in the medieval times, such as clothes, food and smells. Our topic book is *The Knights Tale* by Geoffrey Chaucer.



Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro day is **Thursday** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space, please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Cognition and Maths

For Cognition, we are going to be learning about the artefacts they had in medieval times and making some, such as crowns, shields and swords. Have an explore of making some with recycled items such as tin foil and a cereal box.

Explore the materials do you have a favourite?



PSED



For PSED We are looking at friendships and building good relationships.

We will be playing games and taking turns. Have a family games night and take turns to push balls to each other, build/

You could take turns to build a castle or tower then knocking it down. What items can make a good sound when it falls?

Communication

For Communication have some quiet time together and do a story massage. I have added a link to a video of an St Georges story massage.

Are there any moves that you like more than another. Can your child ask for more of a particular move?

What do you think of the story?

[St George and the Dragon](#)



Communication

Physical Development

We are exploring a lot movement around kings, queens and knights.

We have focusing on our fine motor skills and gross motor skills.

Have a go at jousting through hops with items you have at home like a broom handle.

Please find below a video for a physical sensory story

[MATP Exploring the Castle Sensory Story](#)

Literacy

In class, we are reading about castle, kings, queen and knights. Are there any favourite stories about medieval that you like to read?

Can your children help to turn the page? Can they point to an animal or word in the story?

Below is a link for a story

[Jacob's medieval quest](#)



Makaton Signs

We are going to learning lots of signs this half term about the animals we see in our Medieval topic.

