



# Kedleston Class Newsletter

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Spring Term 2 – February 2025

## Welcome Back & Updates

A huge hello and welcome back to our wonderful Kedleston pupils and families, I hope you had a restful week! Spring is nearly upon us, and the days will be getting warmer, a change which I am sure we will all welcome!

Our new topic is Medieval which I am particularly excited about, there's nothing better than a good history topic!

Check out Evidence for Learning for photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term, and keep an eye on our social media pages, too!

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to contact me on: alex.paul@ivy.set.org (Class Teacher)



## Key Concepts and Skills

Our new 'Medieval' topic will allow us to explore a range of different music, smells, stories and art, including tapestry! I have written a story just for our class called 'Kedleston in the Castle', where our pupils will become true historic explorers! Alongside this, we will be engaging in activities such as making bread, jousting and sword fighting, building castles and so much more!



Communication remains at the heart of all we do, and our pupils will have endless opportunities to tell us what they want and need by using TOBIs, symbols, switches and of course, their loud voices!

We will have music sessions with Matthew every Monday, too!

## 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 a **Wednesday** 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.



Please send appropriate clothing for the weather.



# Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

## Cognition

Medieval armour would've made lots of noise, especially during fights!



Grab some pots, pans and spoons, and make your own Medieval jousting noise!



You can experiment with making louder and quieter sounds, and work on grasping those spoons!

## PSED

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Friendships and Relationships'.



We will be getting stuck into lots of games with our friends, and sharing, of course!

Now the weather is getting warmer, you could go to the park with a friend and have some fun!

## Easter

Easter is slightly later this year but that won't stop us from celebrating!

At home, you could make a sensory easter egg hunt by hanging balloons around your house and then collect the 'eggs' by tapping them and pulling them down!



## Physical Development

Make your own castle walls by building up some empty cereal boxes or shoe boxes, and work on reaching out to knock them down, making the towers just a little bit further away each time to encourage reaching!

You could also continue working with play dough, making bricks!



## Reading

We all love a good book or audiobook on YouTube!

Here are some books you could read together that link to our topic:

- The Sword in the Stone – Treasure Cove Story
- Measly Middle Ages – Horrible Histories
- Twinkl story - [Knights and Dragons, Unite | Twinkl Originals Children's Book Reading](#)

## Makaton Signs

Index and middle fingers step down and outwards



Castle



King



Knight