



Turrets and Tiaras!



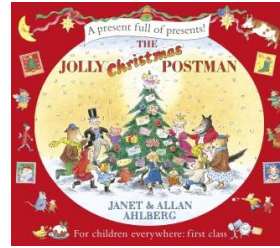
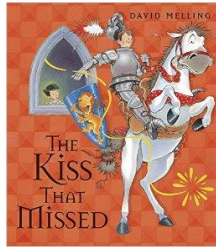
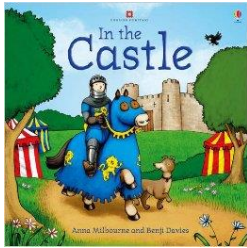
Dear Parents,


Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term.

The first week of Term 2 will be 'Multicultural Arts Week'. The children will be learning about Diwali and taking part in lots of activities in the afternoons based on this. On Friday the 6th November, children will be working together with their friends from other classes and East Hoathly children to take part in different workshops from around the world.

Our topic this term is 'Turrets and Tiaras'. We will be spending time learning about castles, kings and queens and The Royal Family. As part of this topic, we will begin to look at non-fiction books and will be writing letters, posters and invitations. We are also planning on taking our first trip to Bodiam Castle and to enjoy a Christmas Banquet with our friends at East Hoathly School. As well as this we will be learning about light and dark and beginning to think about Christmas traditions and events.

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:






<p><u>Understanding of the World</u> Learning about the Royal Family and Castles Light and Dark Different celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas</p>	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u> SEAL - Getting on and falling out Safety and rules on trips and in different situations Working together</p>	<p><u>Expressive Art & Design</u> Castle role play Diwali art Christmas craft Cards & Decorations</p>
<p><u>Communication and Language</u> Listening and following instructions Thinking and talking about feelings Understanding and sequencing stories and events</p>		<p><u>Physical Development</u> Fine motor skills - Holding pencils correctly, threading, Spatial awareness when moving, through party games.</p>
<p><u>Religious Education</u> What is a prayer? What is assembly? What is Christmas about?</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u> Counting skills & recognising numbers Exploring capacity and money Using mathematical vocabulary Understanding 'more' and 'less'</p>	<p><u>Literacy</u> Letters and sounds, matching the written letter with the sound it makes. Writing captions, lists and letters. Exploring non-fiction books</p>

Home Learning



I would like to thank you all for your effort with last terms home learning tasks including reading with your children. The children have already made great progress with learning sounds and every read with 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, yellow reading record and their reading book into school every day.</p> <p>When reading with your child please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments book, or you may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary. We will change their books when appropriate.</p>
Letters & Sounds	<p>Letters and Sounds Books can continue to be used for home learning. Please practise writing the sounds, finding pictures of objects that begin with these sounds, drawing, and writing short words that you can think of.</p> <p>Please feel free to bring in small, named objects that begin with these sounds too!</p>
Maths	<p>We are shortly going to be issuing children with a MyMaths login which will be written into their yellow reading record book. It would be great if the children could log in and enjoy some of the counting or shape games on the site.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> MyMaths.co.uk</p>
Home Creative Task!	<p>We would love children to have a go at making their own knight's shield or princess' 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>

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?

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 2 and 3 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 and search Knights, Castles or Kings and Queens, to find games and activities to learn vocabulary and facts linked to the topic.



Monday Afternoon Learning Journey Sharing

Every Monday at 3.15pm, beginning on Monday 16th November, we will be opening our doors a little early, 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 a water bottle and their book bags each day.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our PE days are Thursday & Friday but PE kits should be in all week.
- Welly Boots - Please can all children have a set of Wellies in school at all times, this is so we can use the field and outside areas when it is wet and muddy. All in one waterproof suits are essential too.



We hope you all have lovely second term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Winchester and Mrs Tayed