



# Nursery

## Summer 1 Newsletter



*Knights & Princesses  
and all things magical!*

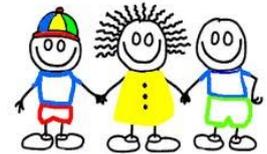
In this booklet you will find information on some of the things your child will be covering in class. You will also find a few ideas of how you can help your child at home.

We value your support in working with us and hope that you will find this information useful.



## COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

- Listening and responding to traditional tales, fairy-tales and stories based around knights, princesses and castles.
- Discuss the characters - what qualities do the characters have?
- Talk about the costumes they would wear to a ball.
- Think of magical phrases used in stories.
- Role play knights, princesses, giants, wizards Etc.
- Make up stories about knights and princesses using Tales Toolkit.



## PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Think and talk about the qualities that knights and princesses have - do the children think they are good qualities? Why?
- Discuss traditional roles and stereotypes in fairy stories - must all dragons be bad and do all princesses need to be rescued? Read stories that counter these stereotypes, e.g. "Prince Cinders", "Princess Smartypants".

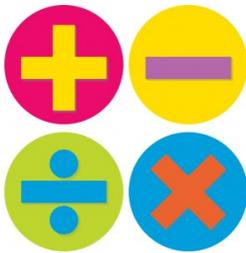
## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Continue writing letters from our names / writing our names with the correct letter formation and holding a pencil effectively.
- Preparing a healthy snack for a brave princess or knight.
- Developing control with a variety of tools, e.g. paintbrush, glue spreader, pencil.



## LITERACY

- To learn and use rhyming words.
- Continue to learn letter sounds in RWI.
- To use sounds and learn to write simple words.



## MATHEMATICS



- Ordering and using mathematical language related to height, weight, length e.g. measuring the towers on our castles, weighing bags of jewels and comparing the lengths of different dragons tails.
- Counting sets of knights and princesses and finding the total.



## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Look at castles and compare them to our own homes.
- Look at how people used to live a long time ago and how similar or different it is to today.
- Mixing up different 'potions' and observing the reactions.
- Planting flowers and vegetables.





## EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

- Design and make a crown for a prince or princess.
- Design a shield for a knight.
- Build a castle using junk modelling materials.
- Making magic potions and a magic wand.
- Decorate a goblet.



## EXTRA ACTIVITIES / THINGS TO BRING IN

- Boxes, egg cartons, empty and clean bottles for junk modelling.
- Unwanted pots, pans, spoons and ladles etc.
- Unwanted bed sheets/curtains / fabric.

## HOME LINKS

- Please let us know about the Magic Moments you have noticed at home. You can get a Magic Moment sheet from the Nursery or you can email your child's achievements to:- [eyfs@winsor.newham.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@winsor.newham.sch.uk)
- Look at information books to find out about castles around the world. Share stories about knights, princesses and castles.

