



Theme

This term, our Nursery theme takes us on a magical journey through the world of Kings and Queens! We'll introduce children to the fascinating lives of monarchs, explore the grandeur of Castles and Kingdoms, and shine a spotlight on Famous Kings and Queens from history. We'll also bring in the excitement of Knights, Dragons, and Myths, allowing for some adventurous storytelling. Finally, we'll celebrate with Coronations and Crowning Ceremonies, giving our children a taste of royalty!

Literacy

We will listen to enchanting stories about kings, queens, and castles, chatting about the characters we will meet. We will identify key words like "castle," "knight," and "dragon," matching them to fun pictures. We will explore letters in royal words such as crown, king, and queen. We will draw and label our own castles, and we will team up to create a thrilling story about a brave knight!

Phonics

Read, Write Inc Phonics and Daily Supported Reading
Children will continue to have daily streamed phonics and reading lessons. Please ensure they are reading for 20 minutes every evening and this is being recorded in their reading records. Children will be reassessed for their levels towards the end of the term.

Religious Education

What are the special places and people in our community?
Week 1: What makes a home special?
Week 2/3: Why are outside spaces special?
Week 4: What make a church special?
Week 5: How does the vicar help people?
Week 6: Options: How do the police help us?
How do the fire brigade help us?
How do doctors and nurses look after us?

Mathematics

The children will march like soldiers while counting their steps. They will identify shapes in captivating castle structures, spotting squares for towers and triangles for roofs. They will count and sort sparkly royal treasures like gems and gold coins and will compare sizes by sorting big and small castles. Finally, they will build "royal towers" with blocks and count how high they can go!

Music

Feeling the Music
As the summer term approaches, Nursery children delve into the world of playing and responding to music in the "Feeling the Music" unit, exploring how music makes them feel. They learn to notice patterns within music and describe their emotions, fostering a deeper connection to the art form.

Understanding the World

The children will talk about real kings and queens and their roles in history. We will look at pictures of majestic castles and discuss their unique features. Next, we will learn about brave knights and their duty to protect castles. We'll watch a fun video of a royal coronation, and finally, we will pretend to be royalty, acting out a day in the life of a king or queen!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will paint crowns with shimmering gold and silver paint, and craft colourful paper castles using glue and a range of resources. The children will create knight shields from cardboard and foil, and build castles from recycled boxes. Finally, we will wrap up by decorating royal robes using fabric scraps and sparkly glitter!

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

In the first week, our children will become "royal helpers," assisting the king or queen with preparations for a special event. Next, they will create a "castle friendship" system, taking turns being kings, queens, knights, and guests. We will then discuss the importance of being kind and fair leaders. Following that, they will practice turn-taking through a fun "knight's challenge" game, and we will conclude with a delightful royal banquet to celebrate teamwork!

Physical Development

Games - In this unit the children will develop their understanding of playing games through the topic of 'transport'. Children will practise and further develop fundamental movement skills through games.

Communication and Language

We will introduce royal-themed songs like "The Grand Old Duke of York" to get everyone singing, and share colourful stories featuring castles, kings, and queens. We will learn exciting new words linked to knights and castles and create our own simple tales.

Trips and Visits

Princess Diana Memorial Playground

Forest School