

Beyond this place, there be dragons! Do dragons exist? What's it like to live in a castle? It's time to explore the fantastical world of dragons and castles.



# Do dragons exist?



This half term, our topic is called Do dragons exist?. The egg we have been looking after will have hatched and there will be footprints all over the nursery. We will find out what has hatched out of the egg. We will create a castle role play area and identify the different parts of a castle and learn about the people and animals who lived there. We'll move like dragons and unearth dragon eggs from the sand. What will we find inside? We'll dress up in royal finery and as knights, sticking to the knight's code by working together and being kind. In our literacy lessons, we'll create and label castle picture cards and identify rhyming words in dragon poetry. In our maths lessons, we'll count gold coins into numbered dragon jars and move brave miniature knights from 1–20. Can we stick to the correct order? Getting creative, we'll draw dragons, make dragon puppets and try out some hoop weaving and make a friendly dragon to protect our classroom. Roar! At the end of the project, we will have a medieval banquet and make bread and try different foods they would of eaten along time ago.

| Areas of learning                          | Early Learning Goals                                       |
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| Communication and language                 | Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking           |
| Physical development                       | Moving and handling; Health and self-care                  |
| Personal, social and emotional development | Making relationships                                       |
| Literacy                                   | Reading; Writing   |
| Mathematics                                | Numbers  |
| Understanding the world                    | People and communities; The world; Technology              |
| Expressive arts and design                 | Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative |

## Help your child prepare for their project

Dragons are roarsome! Why not gather together a collection of books about dragons and curl up somewhere comfy to read? You could also visit the library together to research mythical beasts. Dragons breathe fire and can fly, but what can other mythical beasts do? Alternatively, make a dragon collage out of materials you have at home. Copyright © 2018 Cornerstones Education Limited