



Term: Spring 1
 Learning Project:
 Did Dragons Exist?

Communication & Language

Read a range of books about Dragons, Castles, Knights - including non-fiction.
 Read - George's Dragon
 Dragon Stew
 Zog
 St George and the dragon
 The Knight and the dragon
 The Paper Bag Princess
 The Story of Billy the Brave Knight
 Kassim and the Greedy Dragon
 Princess and the Pea
 Rapunzel
 Jack and the Beanstalk

Literacy

Writing Den:

Collect words to describe a dragon
 Speech bubbles to capture speech between a knight and dragon
 Write on royal scrolls
 Label and draw a castle
 If I were king/Queen for the day I would ...
 Make cards/invitations linked to story
 Instructions for making a castle

Reading Den:

Order pics from the story - retell
 Use puppets to retell and create story about a dragon attacking a castle
 Puppet shows

Maths Den

Match number of jewels to crown counting skills incl 1 more/less
 Decorate crown/bunting/shield - pattern
 2d / 3d shape castles
 add two groups of jewels treasures
 Subtraction stories - the dragon ateknights - how many left?
 Share dragon eggs (dried beans between small world dragons)
 Make nests put in the correct amount of dragon eggs (up to 20)
 Doubling - Froobie
 Sparkie and Squirt game

Personal, Social & Emotional Development.

How can we use a knights code to lead a better life - be kind, honest, help people in need.
 Who could we help?
 How would that make them feel?

Sand/Water/Materials

Create small world with reptiles
 In sand build a castle with moat

 In water build bridges and pathways to reach a castle on an island.

Understanding the world

Compare castles with how we live today -discuss materials
 Who were knights and why did we have them?
 What did they do/wear?
 Look at Mike the Knight on internet
 Find out about real life dragons - what they eat/wheretheylive
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/earth/story/20150426-ten-amazing-real-life-dragons>
 Celebrate Chinese New Year - make a giant 3D dragon - invite parents to celebration

Construction

Create a castle together for Role Play
 Draw plans for small scale castles of lego etc

 Who can build the tallest tower?

Expressive Arts and Design

Create a castle for role play and a huge dragon head
 Make Jam tarts - queen of hearts
 Make swords / lances/ princess hats
 Make tabards - use fabric paints
 Listen to majestic music - move to it
 Make some royal jewellery
 Salt dough dragons
 How to draw a castle
 Make paper cup dragon
 Sponge painting -castle
 Sock dragons
 Sing puff the magic dragon

Physical Development.

Make a medieval dance
 Look at the entertainers eg jugglers - practise throwing and catching skills
 Play a game of knights and dragons
 Knights challenge - Jousting competition (balloons / hobby horses)
 Make swords from modelling balloons/sword fights/writing

Fine Motor

Build a castle on the light table
 Weaving a tapestry
 Find the correct key to the castle
 Play dough dragons
 Catapult game - knock down the dragon

Small World

Create a fantasy setting

Role Play/Memorable experience/Celebration of Learning

Castle
 Vocabulary: lance, armour, bold, honour, protect, shield, drawbridge, goblet, moat, catapult, tower, battlement, arrow slit, scales, spade

Chinese New Year Celebration - invite parents along and display learning from the topic - winner of homework challenge