

Our topic this term is...

"Tiaras, turrets and tricks!"

### Parent Information Sheet – Mexico Class

#### Spring Term 1

#### Personal, social and emotional development:

This half term we will be looking at how to keep ourselves safe e.g. strangers and crossing the road safely. We will be discussing bravery and different feelings and emotions, to enable children to gain a deeper understanding of what makes them feel a certain way. We will be continuing to encourage children to sort out disagreements in their groups. It is important that children develop an understanding of how to deal with these issues independently.

#### Physical Development:

We will be having weekly P.E sessions, led by Miss Vickerstaffe. She will be taking Reception Class for P.E every **Tuesday afternoon**. Please ensure your child's P.E kit is in school for this day. We have daily 'Dough Disco' sessions, which are crucial in helping develop fine motor skills for writing!

#### Expressive Arts and Design:

This term, children can make swords and shields using junk modelling. We will be making our own family crests, just like knights used to have on their armour. In our small world area, we will have our own wooden castle with knights, horses and dragons for children to retell their own fantasy story! Our role play area is currently a castle! Children can dress up as princesses, kings, queens or princes and pretend to have a banquet or send knights out into battle.

#### Important Information

- Remember to bring a **school bag** every day, with your child's **reading book** and **reading record**.
- Remember to send your child with a **warm, waterproof coat, wellies, hat, scarf, gloves**. We do play out in all weathers!
- Please **do not bring in toys** from home.
- Please make sure you are active on **SeeSaw** and **Tapestry**. If you have a problem with this, please see Miss Dawes.
- Home time is a busy period**, so if you wish to speak to Miss Dawes or Miss Goodison, please feel free to wait behind until all children have been safely dismissed. Thank you 😊

**Phonics:** Our daily phonics sessions, focus on learning Set 1 Read Write Inc sounds. We will ensure your child is developing confidence with segmenting and blending words and then being able to transfer these skills into their writing.

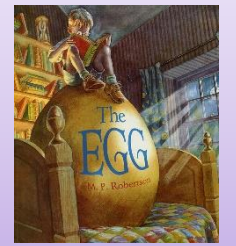
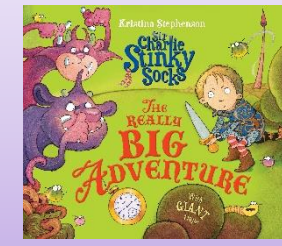
#### What can I do to help at home?

- Practise tricky words (words that have to be learnt by sight).
- Practise writing words encouraging your child to segment and blend independently.
- Review the Set 1 sounds at home.
- Read regularly at home.

**Literacy:** We will be reading stories focusing on princesses, castles, knights, witches and dragons! Our focus stories are 'Charlie Stinky Socks and the Big Adventure' and 'The Egg'. We will be writing short stories, descriptions and invitations to a Royal Ball.

#### What can I do to help at home?

- Practise correct letter formation regularly.
- Writing simple sentences.
- Completing their own homework.
- Ensure your child is holding their pencil correctly.



**Maths:** In our maths lessons, we will be focusing on number recognition and looking at simple addition. We will be practising counting forwards and backwards from 0-20 daily. Children will become more confident using numicon and counting carefully using their 'magic counting finger'.

#### What can I do to help at home?

- Practise correct number formation.
- Count regularly forwards and backwards and look at the numbers whilst doing so.
- Use Education City games at home and complete homework.

**Understanding the World:** During our circle times we will be learning about knights and their family crests, the armour they wear and what they used to do. We will be looking at castles and learning the different parts of them such as; turrets, drawbridge and moat. We are lucky enough to have two wooden castles in our classroom. The children are engaged in their imaginative play, allowing them to explore the knights and other fantasy characters.