

### Literacy

- Listening to & identifying environmental sounds
- Identifying initial sounds – what does it sound like? What does it look like?
- Recognise & write my name
- Writing in independent play: invitation to grand feast, wanted posters
- Topic labels and captions
- Creating topic stories using stick puppets, story stones, role-play

### Communication & Language

- Retell popular Fairy Tales in own words
- Learn songs linked to Knights & dragons
- Listen to, and talk about the characters & plot of topic stories
- Castle role play
- Two-part instructions: Dragon egg

### Maths

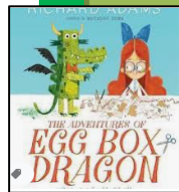
- Recognise that anything can be counted
- Count different objects to find the total; numbers to 10
- 2D shapes to make shields & flags
- 3D shapes to build castles
- Prepositions hiding toy dragon in and around role play castle

### Local Stimuli

- Forest School every Thursday afternoon: developing physical and personal outdoor skills
- **Local Area:** Visit Carlisle Castle, Muncaster Castle & Wray Castle; visit local caves and lakes to stimulate topic literacy writing and maths
- **Local Events:** Harvest Festival, help at Local Food Kitchen, Christmas Service
- **National Events:** Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas
- **International:** Christmas Shoebox Appeal



# Castles, Knights and Dragons



### Physical Development

- Using resources to create large scale movements prior to mark making
- *Knight Training School:* throwing and catching; balancing
- Put on coat and fasten independently
- Threading laces through topic images
- Finger Gym
- Letter formation – make sure know the start and finish points
- What does a knight need to keep healthy?

### Understanding the World

- Castles: research and visit different types. Record using ICT
- Materials: explore what makes strong armour
- Magnets: sorting and classifying
- Explore how people lived and worked in castles. Compare to modern life

### Creative Development

- Learn colour names
- Explore features of castles. Build models and role play castle
- Make story stones and stick puppets
- Make egg box dragon, crowns, dragon masks, knight shields
- Create tunes for marching and for banquet

### Personal Social & Emotional Development

#### *Awe & Wonder*

- New beginnings: Settling into new routines
- To question observations and known facts of the world around them
- The Nativity
- To explore how Christians throughout the world celebrate Christmas