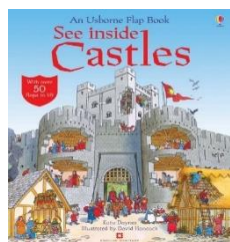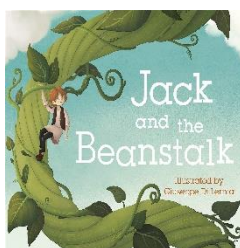# Reception

Royalty, Knights & Castles

What we are learning this half term...

We will begin our new topic by learning about St George, the Patron Saint of England. We will then learn lots of facts about different royalty, knights and castles. We will incorporate different stories and traditional tales and finish by celebrating the King's Coronation. During this half term ,we will also learn about the tradition of May Day and have our **May Day Parade on 4th May** - see separate letter.

The core story for this half term is **Jack and the Beanstalk**

Other things we will do...

We will investigate Paul Klee's painting of Castle and Sun and make our own interpretation of it using 2D shapes.

We will look at lots of non-fiction books about castles, knights and St George and write descriptions about dragons, castles and brave knights.

We will act out the legend of St George and design our own unique shields.

We are all really looking forward to our trip to **Skipton Castle** this week. RH – 24.4.23 RW – 27.4.23
Please ensure you send your child with a comfortable backpack and bottle of water.

Core Story

Core stories are books we will focus on in depth each half term. We will send the story home for you to share with your child. Please return the next day to ensure every child gets a chance to read it at home.

We will learn lots of new songs about Princes and Princesses, brave knights and dragons.

Phonics

We will consolidate all our phonic learning by writing lots of sentences, remembering to add capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and spell our tricky words correctly!

Maths
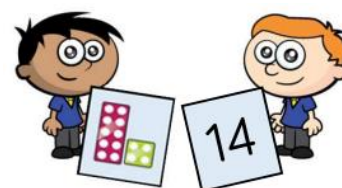
We will explore numbers from 10 to 20. This will include:

Subtraction and Addition	Sorting and Matching
Subitising	Ordering
Comparing	

Food Preparation & Snack

The children really look forward to their 'special snack' every Friday. This is often linked to topics that we are finding out about or exploring new foods that the children may not have tried at home. We also use the snack money to buy ingredients for baking and for the children to prepare/cook their snack.

To ensure that we can still provide this lovely experience for all children, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£3.00** for this half term. Please could you send the money in the

named envelope your child will be bringing home.

If you have any queries please see a member of the Reception team.

Open Session- 18th May 2023

We would like to invite you into school to share your child's Learning Journey book with them on **Thursday 18th May at 2.30pm.** You will have the opportunity to sit with your child and look through all the fantastic work they have done since September. Afterwards, you can share a story with your child and we will finish the session with a drink, snack and a sing-song!

It would be lovely if you could make it.

Reading Together Time

Our Reading Together Time will continue this week, but to allow as many of you to attend as possible over the year, we are moving the day again, this time to **every Wednesday at 3pm.**

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip - June

You will be shortly receiving a letter about our exciting up-and-coming trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. We are so excited to be able to take the children and it will be an amazing hook to begin our next topic. We are so lucky to be able to receive a large school discount to reduce the admission cost. We are sure that all the children will have an amazing experience being able to see lots of different animals which usually live in other countries. We know this trip will inspire them in their learning and they will produce some amazing work.

A message from the Reception Team…

Your children worked ever so hard last half term and we hope you had a restful holiday and ate lots of Easter Eggs!

We look forward to another exciting half term of learning with your children.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Reception Team.

Mrs Horne   Miss Whitaker   Mrs Todd   Miss Wells

Miss Brogan   Mrs Hudson