

Reading Day 1 and 2

The Legend of King Arthur

Many hundreds of years ago, King Uther of the Britons had a son called Arthur. Because of the many wars with the Saxons, Uther gave his son to Merlin so that he could be raised in safety.

When King Uther died, nobody knew that he had a son. Therefore, there was much arguing about who should be the next High King of the Britons.

At this time, a mysterious stone appeared in London. A sword was sticking out of the stone with a message on it. The message said that whoever pulled the sword out of the stone was the rightful High King of the Britons. No one, however, could pull the sword from the stone.

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Arthur married a beautiful princess called Guinevere. Arthur and Guinevere were given a large round table, which Arthur used to meet with his bravest and best knights. These knights were known as 'Knights of the Round Table' and were adventurous and brave. The bravest knight of all was Sir Lancelot.

Sir Lancelot and Guinevere fell in love and would meet secretly, away from the palace. When Arthur discovered this, Sir Lancelot and Guinevere escaped to Brittany. Arthur chased them, leaving Mordred (one of his knights) in charge of his kingdom while he was gone. Arthur found and killed Sir Lancelot and imprisoned Guinevere.



While Arthur was away, Mordred declared himself High King and built his own army. Arthur returned and his army battled with Mordred's. Arthur finally killed Mordred with his sword, Excalibur.

Unfortunately, Arthur himself was badly wounded. He knew he would die very soon, so he gave Excalibur to his knight, Sir Bedivere, and told him to return it to the Lady in the Lake.

Sir Bedivere did not throw Excalibur into the lake and hid it instead. When he returned to Arthur, he told him that he had thrown it into the lake. Arthur did not believe him and told him again to return Excalibur to the lake. As Sir Bedivere threw Excalibur, he was amazed to see a hand emerge from the water to catch the sword. It was the hand of the Lady of the Lake.

When he returned to Arthur, he told him what he had seen. Arthur knew then that Excalibur had been returned to the Lady of the Lake.

Arthur was laid in a boat and he drifted off on the lake and died. His body was never recovered. According to legend, he is awaiting the call of the Britons, ready to return in their time of greatest need.



Monday 6th April

Reading Mission
30 mins

Children to read or be supported to read 'The Legend of King Arthur'.
After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. Suggested answers are in red.

1. Explain why King Uther gave Arthur away. **King Uther gave Arthur away because the Britons were fighting the Saxons and he wanted to keep Arthur safe.**
2. Who did King Uther give Arthur to? **Merlin**
3. Why was there arguing about who should be the next king when King Uther died? **There was arguing about who should be the next king because no-one knew about King Uther's son.**
4. Can you think of a similar word in meaning to 'mysterious'? **Strange, unusual, weird etc.**
5. How old was Arthur when he pulled the sword out of the stone? **15**

Writing Mission
30 mins

Read the following extract:

Read the opening of the story.

Suddenly I woke up... Where was I? It was so cold! At first, there was silence but then I could hear the sound of horses' hooves getting closer and closer... I wasn't in my own bed. It took a while for my eyes to adjust to the dark but then I realised... I was in a castle!

Your mission is to write a paragraph describing the room you are in, in detail. You can include what you can hear, see, smell, taste, touch and how you feel.

Skills – Use a range of different sentence openers (**not** I can hear, I can see, I can smell etc).

Sentence Openers

Time	Order	Where	To add information	Comparisons
One day	At first	In the middle of the...	Again	However
One morning	First	Under the bridge...	Also	Yet
One evening	Second	Over the bridge...	Another	Despite
After that	Third	In the distance...	Along with...	Still
After a while	Then	Far away...	For example...	Unlike
Before long	Last	In a far off land...	As well as	Even though
Afterwards	Finally	Inside of...		Although
As soon as	Next	At the end of...		Rather than
At last		On top of the...		
A moment later		Next to the...		
In the meantime		Nearby...		
Later on		Opposite the...		
Meanwhile				
Soon				
During				
Now				
Next week				
All of a sudden				

Use expanded noun phrases in your description. Eg- The **grey,stone** walls were coming towards me.

Maths Mission
30 mins

Your mission today is to solve the following times tables problems. You are **not** expected to do these in your head so you will need some paper to write down each stage of the problem, although if you can do parts of the problem in your head then great! **The answers are in red for the adults.**

Spend 10 minutes recalling your 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables (You can use your yellow book to find the tables we have sent home in the past)

- 1) A castle has 12 rooms. There are 3 tables in each room. Each table has 4 chairs around it. How many tables are there altogether? How many chairs are there altogether? What is the total number of tables and chairs when added together?

$12 \times 3 = 36$ tables.

$36 \times 4 = 30 \times 4 = 120$ (because we know that $3 \times 4 = 12$ so 30 time 4 is 120)

$6 \times 4 = 24$

$120 + 24 = 144$ chairs

The total number of tables and chairs is $36 + 144$ (lay it out in column method) = 180.

- 2) 4 knights sat around the round table. King Arthur joined them. They each had 3 glasses of water followed by 4 cakes. How many glasses of water did they drink altogether? How many cakes did they eat altogether. What is the **difference** between the amount of glasses of water they drunk and the amount of cakes they ate?

4 knights plus King Arthur makes 5.

$5 \times 3 = 15$ glasses of water

$5 \times 4 = 20$ cakes.

$20 - 15 = 5$

- 3) 4 guards carried 3 shield to the tower room in the castle. When they returned they had twice as many. They also had 5 swords each and 3 helmets each. How many pieces of armour did they have altogether?

$4 \times 3 = 12$ shields

12×2 (twice as many or double) = 24

$4 \times 5 = 20$ swords

$4 \times 3 = 12$ helmets

$24 + 20 + 12 = 56$ pieces of armour altogether.

- 4) Can you write 2 of your own word problem using the 2,3,4,and 5 times tables and show the different stages to work out the answer?

Topic Mission for the week.

Your topic mission this week is based on the theme 'Castles'. You can choose 1 or more of the ideas below- depending on what interests you. It would be great if you could email some photos of your topic work (If not, you can bring it to school when we are back).

- 1) Choose a famous castle in the UK, and create a travel brochure for tourists.

Don't forget to include the facilities the castle has, drawings or photos, subheading for each facility and persuasive language to make visitors want to visit.



- 2) Using resources from around your house, design and build a 3D castle.

Consider what resources you have, what size it will be, how will you join your resources together, what are the best materials to use etc.



