

## Wistaston Academy Reception

### Home Learning Opportunities

Spring 1

Castles and Dragons

#### Key Skills

##### Communication and Language

This half term we are going to be learning about instructions. Why not ask your child to cook alongside you? Support them to develop these skills by following step by step instructions or a recipe to cook their favourite tea.



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##### Mathematics

This half term we will be introducing 0 and continuing to look at the composition of 4 and 5. You could sing songs that count down to 0 or play games that involve zero e.g. spotting zero on controllers, phones, on car number plates.



We'll be comparing Mass and Capacity and exploring the weight of objects. Could you weigh out ingredients for tea at home? Encourage your child to use the language of light, heavy, full and empty.

##### Understanding the World

Research some castles you might find in our local area such as Beeston Castle.

What can you find out about them?  
Do they have any special features?



Why not design your own castles based on what you've found out?

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##### Physical Development

Play lots of games involving gripping or holding small objects e.g. rolling a dice, making button collages, tracing lines on pictures.



Could you create a collage with your child using their favourite colours? Encourage them to cut the paper themselves, working on the correct scissor skills.

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##### Literacy

Try and make up your own story with your child. We've been exploring traditional tales like the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Can your child choose their own characters with the same story structure e.g. the Three Cheeky Monkeys and the Tiger?



Can your child write simple CVC words such as c-a-t? Segment a word and see if your child can blend the sounds then write the word.

##### Expressive Arts and Design

Can you make a model of a castle? Maybe you could make a fort with cushions or blankets or build a castle using cardboard boxes and tubes for turrets. We'd love to see some on Tapestry.



##### Some of our favourite stories this term are...

- Lost and Found
- Billy and the Dragon
- Six Dinner Sid
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Goats
- Jack and the Beanstalk

We will also read fiction and non-fiction texts about castles and dragons.

If you have any queries or questions regarding how to support your child with this half term's home learning, please come and see us. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

*The Reception Team.*