

Beech Class – Year 1 Enriching Learning

Autumn Term 2025-2026

‘Castles, Kings and Queens’



Choose **one** of these activities to complete in your homework book each week, and **hand it in every Wednesday**.

Make sure that you have a good balance of the English, Maths and Topic activities below during the term.

English Activities:



- Write a ‘Top 10 Facts’ page all about you or something that you are interested in.
- Imagine if you were a King or Queen for the day. Write down a list of rules you would make!
- Read some Fairy Tales that include Kings or Queens. Which story was your favourite? Why?
- Draw and label the parts of a castle.
- Write a recount of a day in the life of a king or queen. What would they eat for breakfast? What places might they visit? What else might they get up to in the day?
- Draw a dragon and label all of its features. You could also write a caption to tell us more about it!
- If you were to meet a dragon, what questions would you ask it?



Maths Activities:

Shape – Go on a shape hunt around your house. What different shapes can you find? Can you sort them into 2D and 3D shapes?

Place Value within 10 – Can you confidently write the numbers 0-10 correctly and in order?

Addition within 10 – Do you know all of the number bonds that add up to make 10? Find a creative way to show them.

Subtraction within 10 – Use a pile of 10 small objects (Lego bricks, pasta pieces, sweets etc.) to help you solve subtraction problems. You could even draw pictures to help you.

Position and Direction – Place your favourite toy in different positions relative to other objects, like a chair or book, and describe its location using terms such as "in front," "behind," "above," and "below".

Place Value Within 20 – Use the symbols $<$ / $>$ / $=$ to compare some numbers between 1 – 20.

Topic Activities:



- Build a castle out of your chosen material such as paper, cardboard or junk modelling.
- Make a wild crown! Use natural materials such as leaves, plants and twigs!
- Ask an adult to gather a selection of objects from around the house. Can you identify the material that they are made from? Sort the objects into piles, e.g. wood, plastic, metal, fabric.
- Choose a king or queen from British history and draw or paint a portrait of them.
- Have a look at the different types of technology you have at home. Make a list of them and think about why they are useful.