



Summer 1

Curriculum Map

EYFS Foundation Class

History of Travel

Royal Family & Homes

Mythical Creatures

Our Summer 1 Themes



History of Travel

Exploring how transport has changed over time — from horse and cart to aeroplanes!



Royal Family & Homes

Learning about kings, queens, castles and the traditions of the British Royal Family.



Mythical Creatures

Discovering dragons, mythical beasts and magical stories from around the world!

Our Key Texts

History of Travel

- ☰ Emma Jane's Aeroplane
- ☰ The Hundred Decker Bus

Royal Family & Homes

- ☰ The Queen's Hat

Mythical Creatures

- ☰ Zog and the Flying Doctors
- ☰ The Egg
- ☰ George and the Dragon



Prime Areas of Learning



Communication & Language

- Retell stories
- Use new vocabulary from texts (e.g. turret, moat, cockpit, mythical)
- Ask and answer questions about stories
- Describe characters and settings using adjectives
- Express ideas using full sentences with past, present and future tenses
- Participate in role-play (e.g. kings, queens, pilots, dragons)



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Show understanding of own feelings and others'
- Take turns and share cooperatively during group activities
- Show resilience and perseverance when facing challenges
- Work towards simple goals independently
- Know right from wrong and follow class rules
- Build positive friendships and show empathy

Physical Development



Gross Motor Skills

- Move energetically — running, jumping, hopping, skipping and climbing
- Negotiate space and obstacles safely
- Demonstrate balance and coordination in play
- Design obstacle courses and movement games
- Team games linked to travel and adventure themes



Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil using tripod grip for fluent writing
- Use scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery with control
- Show accuracy and care when drawing
- Create 3D castle and dragon models
- Threading, weaving and construction activities

Literacy



Reading

- Read and understand simple sentences
- Use phonic knowledge to decode regular words
- Read common exception words (tricky words)
- Demonstrate understanding through retelling and discussion
- Make predictions and inferences about stories
- Enjoy an increasing range of books and poems



Writing

- Write simple sentences with capital letters and full stops
- Write labels, captions and short narratives
- Use phonics to write words in ways that match spoken sounds
- Spell some common exception words correctly
- Write about travel adventures, castles and mythical creatures
- Create story maps and innovate on familiar stories

Mathematics



Number

- Deep understanding of number to 10 including composition
- Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5
- Recall number bonds to 5 and some to 10
- Explore addition and subtraction with practical resources
- Doubling, sharing and grouping with themed objects
- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising patterns



Numerical Patterns & Shape

- Compare quantities, length, weight and capacity
- Explore and name 2D and 3D shapes
- Create repeating and symmetrical patterns
- Use positional language (above, below, next to, behind)
- Spatial reasoning — maps, plans and simple mazes
- Sorting and matching with castle and transport themed activities

Understanding the World



Past & Present

- Know how transport has changed over time
- Compare vehicles from the past and now
- Talk about the Royal Family and their roles
- Understand the past through stories read in class



People, Culture & Communities

- Learn about kings, queens and royal traditions
- Recognise similarities between different communities
- Explore cultural stories about mythical creatures
- Understand special places (castles, palaces)



The Natural World

- Explore and describe the natural environment
- Observe seasonal changes during summer
- Compare different habitats and environments
- Discuss how things grow and change

Expressive Arts & Design



Creating with Materials

- Safely use and explore materials, tools and techniques
- Colour mixing — create royal portraits and dragon artwork
- Build 3D castles and transport models using junk materials
- Design and create dragon puppets and crowns
- Experiment with collage, printing and painting techniques



Being Imaginative & Expressive

- Perform familiar songs and learn new ones linked to themes
- Explore musical instruments and create sound effects
- Role-play as kings, queens, knights and dragon trainers
- Create narratives and stories through small world play
- Use imagination to invent, adapt and retell adventures

Key Vocabulary

History of Travel

transport, vehicle, journey, travel, aeroplane, bus, train, past, present, old, new, same, different, cockpit, wings, wheels, steam, passengers

Royal Family & Homes

king, queen, prince, princess, crown, throne, castle, turret, moat, drawbridge, palace, royal, coronation, sceptre, orb, Buckingham Palace, coat of arms

Mythical Creatures

dragon, mythical, scales, wings, fire-breathing, knight, shield, sword, brave, hero, magical, enchanted, legend, tale, claws, flying, adventure