

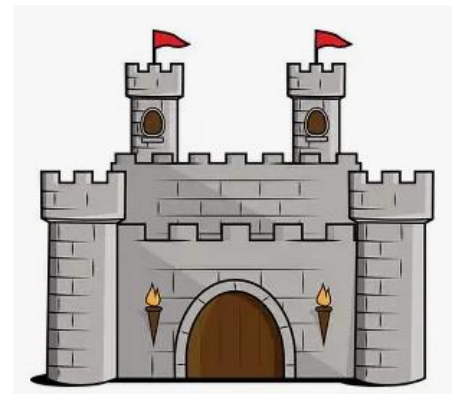


Happy new year and welcome back to the new term. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the extremely generous gifts, vouchers and cards we received. It was so kind of you all and we feel very lucky to have such lovely parents and children to work with. We hope 2026 will be a happy and healthy year for everyone and we are very excited about all the fun we have planned for Acorn class this term.

This Term's Theme

We start the year off with the great topic, *Once upon a time*. We will be exploring many of the traditional fairy tales such as *Goldilocks* and *Billy Goats Gruff*. Please look on our class page for the Topic Overview for a more detailed description of the topic.

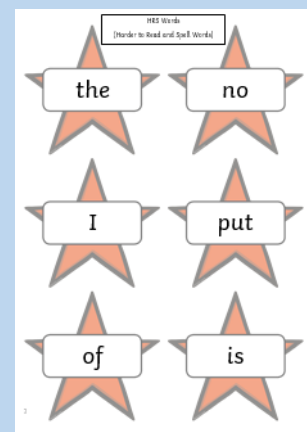
This week we will focus on the settings of many of the stories - castles and palaces. We will look at different castles, talk about why they were built, how they were used and who might have lived in them. We will talk about the past and present and how you can visit many castles and palaces now but they may be used in different ways in the past.



Reading

Harder to Read and Spell Words (HRS Words)

These are the tricky words that can't be decoded with phonics. Sometimes they are called 'Sight words' as they just have to be remembered by looking at them. Last term we put these words in the book bags. Please continue to practise the HRS words at home. Please keep the current card you are practising at the moment in the book bag along with the reading record so we can quickly review that card with your child too. If you have lost a card please let us know and we can replace it.



Thank you for your support. Mrs Clarke, Ms Tonkyn and Mrs Upfold.