**Class 2 Once Upon A Forest Summer Term**

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| **The Royal Forest of Dean*** Offa, the King of Mercia built a dyke to seaprate England from Wales. English lords built many castles along the dyke as a defense barrier.
* Known as the Royal Forest of Dean since the Norman conquest in 1066, until 1971 when it was deforested by the royal family.
* The forest was used as a hunting ground by the Norman rulers, this was continued by the Tudor kings
* Verders were appointed to protrect the land for the king. The PseechHouse was built in 1682 to act as a parliament for freeminers and verderers. It is the oldest court in England. It still meets four times a year.
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| **Key Words** |
| **Monarch** | A monarch is a king or queen, emperor or sultan who rules over a land |
| **Parliament** | Where the politicians meet to decide laws |
| **succession** | This is the order in which a monarch’s family will take over the throne |
| **medieval** | A period in time also known as the middle ages running from the 5th to the 15th century |
| **defence** | The act of protecting |
| **invader** | To enter by force as an enemy |
| **Verderer** | An officer of the court in charge of the kings forest |

