



Task: Read the information in these slides and create your own family coat of arms on the worksheet provided.

What is a coat of arms?



- Coats of Arms date back to the early medieval period.
(Pre-Tudor)
- At this time, people wore helmets and other armour in battle, which made it hard to tell friends from enemies.
- To help stop this each knight and soldier painted something personal on their shield.

Not just for armour!



By Tudor times, it had become fashionable for rich families to have a coat of arms.

It was included on items in the house, saddles, blankets, rings and (wax seal) stamps.

This is Queen Elizabeth I's coat of arms



The motto in Latin means 'always the same'

This is the Queen's coat of arms

England

Ireland

Scotland



Elizabeth II
Queen of Great Britain
& Northern Ireland

The motto here means God and my Right and it refers to the Divine Right of Kings to rule - as we learnt during Macbeth, Kings believed they were chosen by God.

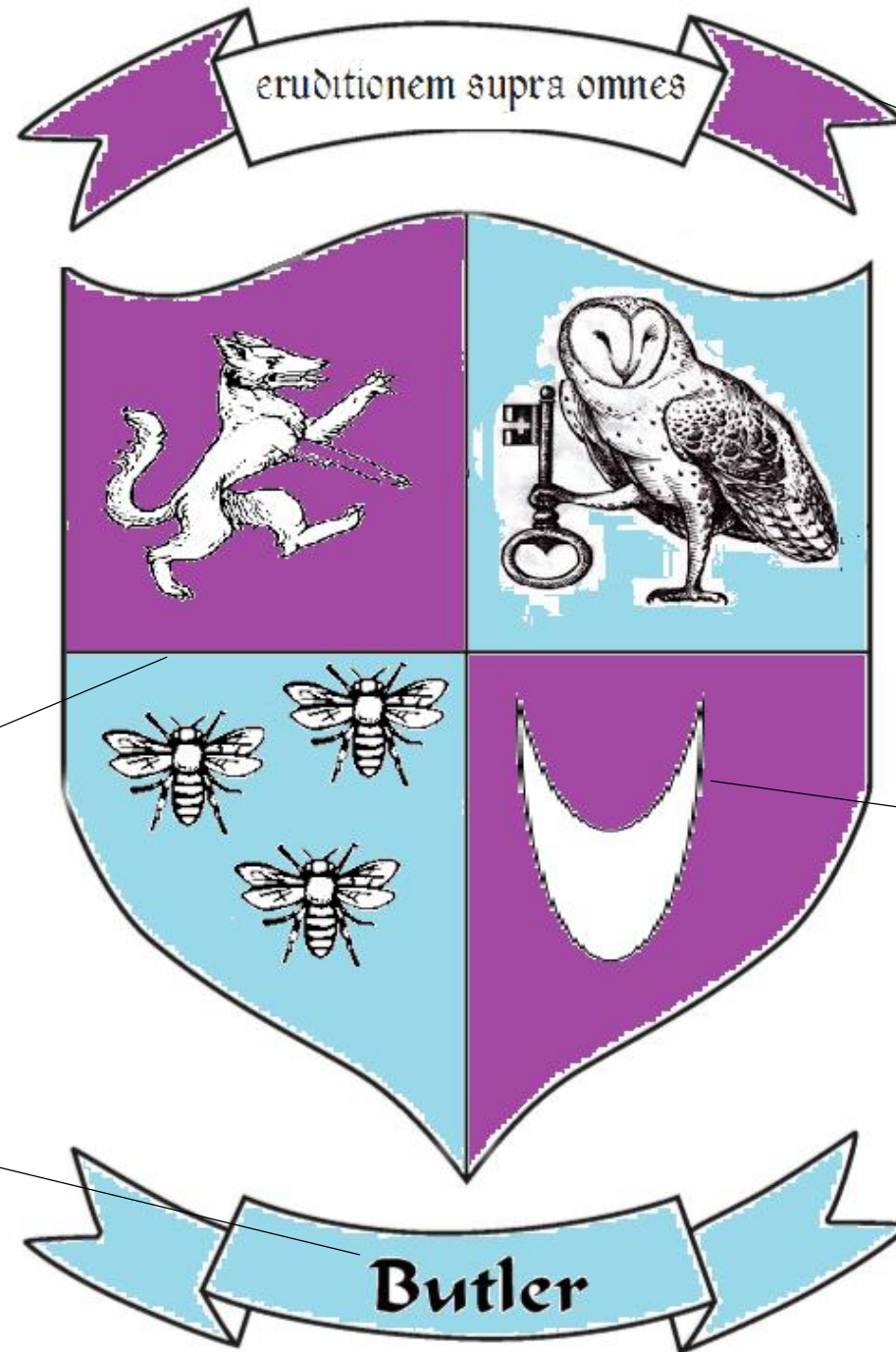
Coats of arms were used to identify people and families and a way of showing off your power and wealth!

- The colours have meanings
- The animals have meanings
- The symbols have meanings
- Symbols were easily recognisable and understandable when the majority of people could not read.
- Nowadays, we do this too - think of car symbols and company logos.



Miss Butler's Coat of Arms

(It celebrates learning - the motto = learning above all, the fox symbolises wisdom, the bees, hard work and the owl being observant.)



Your shield will have a motto - in English (or you can translate to Latin using Google!)

You can choose animals to represent the values that are most important to you.

You can write in your family surname.

You can state whether you are the first born, second born, third born, fourth born etc. using a symbol.

Colours and their meanings

Colour	Meaning
Yellow or Gold	Generosity
White Or Silver	Peace and Sincerity
Black	Constancy (loyalty)
Blue	Loyalty and truthfulness
Red	Warrior, Strong
Green	Hope and Joy
Purple	Royal Majesty, Justice

Animals and their meanings

Bear	Protectiveness
Dog	Loyal
Double Eagle/Eagle	Leader and Decisiveness
Dragon	Defender of treasure
Fox	Clever
Lion	Courage
Snake	Ambition
Unicorn	Extreme courage



Unicorn Passant



Bear Rampant



Horse Passant



Stag's Head Erased



lion - courage



Snake - Ambition



Dog - loyalty



Bear - protectiveness



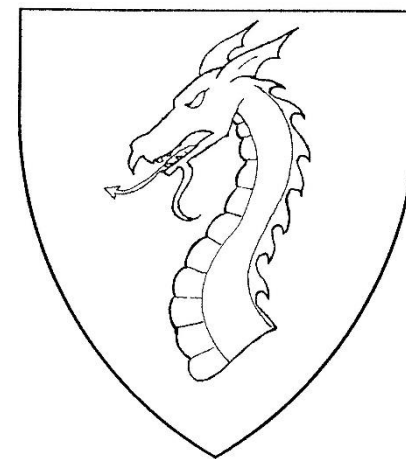
unicorn - extreme courage



Fox - clever



Eagle - leader



Dragon - guard



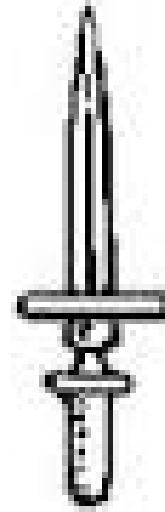
owl - vigilance



Dolphin - charity



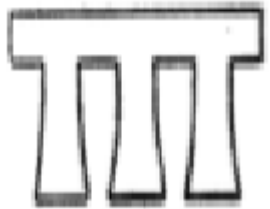
Dove - innocence



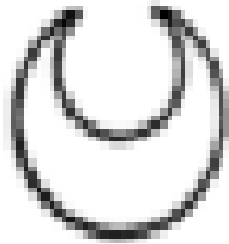
Dagger - power



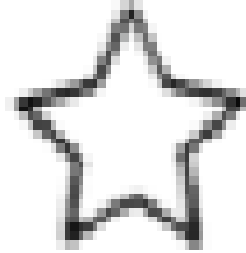
Anchor - hope



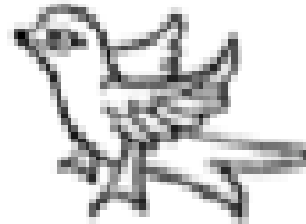
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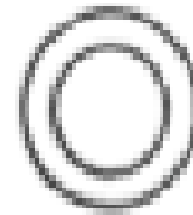
Second Born



Third Born



Fourth Born



Fifth Born



Royal, or
religious, or
pure.



