**BECOMING A KNIGHT**

**3 STAGES**

* **PAGE**
* At the age of seven, a nobleman’s son was sent to another castle to be trained as a page.
* He learned how to fight, how to use weapons and how to ride a horse.
* He also learned to sing, dance and have good manners.
* He served the lady of the castle at the table and helped the lord to dress.
* **SQUIRE**
* At the age of 14 he became a squire and was assigned to a knight.
* The squire assisted the knight by helping him to dress. He would also serve all his meals, care for his horse and clean his armour and weapons.
* The squire continued to learn how to fight.
* If there was a war, he went with his lord and helped with his armour and his horse.
* **Knight**
* When he was about 21, a squire could become a knight if he had proved himself worthy – i.e., skilful and brave.
* He was made a knight during a special ceremony called dubbing.
* The night before the ceremony, the squire spent time in the church, praying that he would be a good knight and that we would never fail in his duty.
* The next day the squire would dress in a white tunic, a red robe, and a black jacket.
* He would then keel in from of the lord and swear to uphold the code of chivalry.
* The lord tapped the knight on the shoulders and head with a sword and proclaimed him a knight – ‘Arise, Sir Knight’