

"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."
(Matthew: 17 v20)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are refreshed and ready for the summer term!

Topic – Kings and Queens

This half term's topic is Kings and Queens. We will be learning to think like historians as we delve into the past and learn about some significant monarchs in British History by using timelines and making comparisons between various periods in history. We'll be developing our understanding of what it means to be a monarch and how the role has changed over time. We'll be investigating where Kings and Queens of Britain have lived through the centuries and learning about what happens during significant events and ceremonies such as a coronation before celebrating the crowning of King Charles III!

We will be reading a range of fiction texts linked closely with our theme, such as *The Queen's Hat*, to develop our story writing skills as well as a range of non-fiction texts. We will be learning to write recounts of events and exploring the features of a letter.

Reading

Please continue to read as frequently as possible with your child to ensure their continued progress. It is really important that the children are encouraged to read their practice book as much as possible to develop their fluency and comprehension skills. This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level.

Year 1 children will continue to bring home a phonics home learning letter that will provide an overview of the sounds and spellings covered in class during the week. Year 2 children will also bring home an overview of the spelling rules that they will cover this term. Please take the time to look at these with your children.

Maths

Year 1 will begin the term by developing their multiplication and division skills by counting in steps of 2, 5, and 10 before using repeated addition, arrays and sharing to solve problems. We will then be moving on to fractions and geometry.

Year 2 will be developing their knowledge of fractions by finding halves, quarters, thirds, and three-quarters of quantities before we move on to telling the time past and to the hour.

Science

In science this term we are learning about the human body. We will be learning about the parts of the human body and have opportunities to explore the five senses through simple investigations.

RE

In RE this term we will be moving on from Christianity to explore world faiths and will be asking ourselves the question 'Who is Jewish and what do they believe?'. We will learn the names of some precious objects that can be found in Jewish homes and how these objects remind Jewish people of God. We will also learn about special celebrations such as Shabbat and Chanukah and why these are significant.

French

Our new unit in French for Term 5 is called **Sous l'océan** (Under the sea) where we will be learning to recognise and recall the names of sea creatures in French. We will learn to listen to, understand and participate in French songs about creatures that live under the sea.

PE and Forest School

PE will be continue to take place on a Wednesday morning for Beech Class this term. Please make sure that your child wears their school PE kit into school on the day. Our focus for the term will be improving our striking and fielding skills ready to play games such as cricket and rounders!

Forest School will take place on a Monday afternoon with myself and Mr Chidwick. The children will continue to wear their Forest School kits home in order to maximise on our time in the woodland and so will need to bring their kits into school each Monday.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office or at the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

Miss Roberts

