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### What we have been up to:

In Year 1 we have been...

enjoying learning all about the British Monarchy and finding out some interesting facts about them!

We also had great fun during Science week, with a theme of recycling. In our new house teams we had a competition to see who could make the tallest tower using scrap paper and masking tape.

Peacocks had a great time on their sports trip to Biddenham. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along and supported with the trip.

The children really enjoyed colour mixing using the spin bike as well.



### Curriculum:

#### English

In our English lessons we will be exploring another book by the same author as last half term - Steve Antony. We will have the opportunity to compare and contrast the texts as well as innovating our own story of 'The Queen's Handbag'. We will also make our own non-fiction book all about Queen Elizabeth II.

#### How can I help at home?

Linking to our History topic, from last half term, can they recall any facts about Queen Elizabeth II or find out any new and interesting facts in preparation for writing their own non-fiction book about her.

#### Maths

In Maths we will begin our number focus by introducing multiplication and division. This will be followed by fractions.

#### How can I help at home?

In Spring 2 we covered the following units: Place Value (within 50), and Measurement (length and height; weight and volume).

If you wish to support them further in these areas please visit:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources> for free workbooks on these units.

#### Phonics

We will be continuing our daily phonics lessons and will be continuing the weekly spellings for the children to practise at home in readiness for a weekly spelling test on Friday. You can also ask your child to write these words in a sentence as well.

#### How can I help at home?

There are lots of helpful videos on our school website to support with phonics at home.

<https://castlennwham.school/primary-phonics/> Also don't forget to **look at the sounds sheet that we sent home in the Spring term** to help your child recognise these sounds.



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### Science

We will be continuing our Topic on plants and then moving onto learning about humans. We will be looking at the different parts of the body and exploring our senses through a range of investigations.

### PSHE

We will be starting our topic about 'relationships', including families, making friends and people who help us.

### Geography

Our topic this term is 'Marvellous Mapping'. We will begin by exploring where we live and locating places in our local area. We will move onto learning some basic map skills and recognising map symbols.

#### ***How can I help at home?***

When you are walking or driving through the local area, talk about the different features you can see.

### PE

In PE, pupils will be moving onto Target Games and Athletics. This will include using a range of different equipment to develop coordination, agility, balance and other fundamental movement skills. Please encourage your child to get their 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

### Computing

In Computing we will be introducing early desktop publishing skills by learning how to add text and images onto a page. We will also be using our mouse and keyboard skills to create digital art.

### Performing Arts

On this terms rotation, Robins class will be having Music lessons with Mr Serino. They are singing variety of songs and learning how to control their breathing and voices better. Penguins have Music with Miss Green. They are learning to perform music on instruments, developing their knowledge of the elements, beat, pulse, rhythm, dynamics and pitch. Peacocks class have dance with Mr Skeel and will be learning how to replicate taught dance movement through a variety of different music.

### Art

In Art we will be using different media to explore lines and mark making. We will be discovering how to create pattern, shading and texture. ***How can I help at home?*** Have a go at using just a pencil to draw a still life of an interesting object/ plant/ vegetable etc..

### Reminders / Key Dates:

#### **Training day**

17th April

#### **May Bank Holiday**

1st May

#### **Coronation Bank Holiday**

8th May

#### **Class photos**

9th May

#### **Year 1 Drama Workshop**

16th May

#### **Half term**

29 May - 2 June