

Happy new year and a very warm welcome back to all of our children and families!

Our topic for the Spring Term is 'I'm the queen of the castle!'



With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations later this year, we thought it would be great for the children to learn about our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

Over the coming weeks the children will....

- use non-fiction texts, photos and the internet to research the life of Queen Elizabeth and how life in Britain has changed during her reign.
 - look at Queen Elizabeth's family tree and record our own family trees.
 - read a range of stories linked to our royalty theme. We will use these to make our own story maps and to write simple stories.
 - role play as different royal characters (and their servants!).
 - make use of lots of mark making opportunities including labels, lists, rhyming strings, captions, sentence building, letter and instruction writing.
 - develop their scientific knowledge, learning about reversible changes linked to winter weather (water freezing/melting).
 - learn simple printing techniques in art and apply their knowledge of the properties of shapes to create a shape castle picture.
 - learn about 'Special times for me and others' in RE, looking at celebrations in different faiths.
 - continue to add to our growing repertoire of nursery rhymes, adding some royal rhymes including: Old King Cole, The Queen of Hearts...
 - set targets in our PSHE unit this term 'Dreams and Goals'
 - learn how to search for and find digital information in computing.
 - develop their ball manipulation skills in PE sessions including different ways of sending, receiving and travelling with a ball.
- ...and much, much more!

Queen's Coronation Dress Up Day Wednesday 26th January



Children are invited to dress up for our coronation-themed day on Wednesday 26th January. They could dress up as a queen, king, prince, princess or they could wear red, white or blue clothing. Throughout the day there will be a range of themed activities for them to enjoy.

Reception PE

Reception class will need to **wear their PE kit for school every Thursday starting from 13th January please:**

- trainers or plimsolls
- black jogging bottoms
- white/red t-shirt
- school jumper/cardigan



Jewellery must not be worn, ear rings will need to be removed before your child comes to school on Thursdays. Please ensure that long hair is tied back.

Nursery children will NOT need a PE kit

How you can support your child's learning at home this term:

Sing traditional Nursery Rhymes together. These are the ones we would love your child to learn this term:

- Five Little Ducks
- Miss Polly
- Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
- I Hear Thunder
- Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe



Don't forget to keep up to date with the latest news on:



ClassDojo

We are no longer using the messaging facility on Dojo.

Staff will be happy to answer any queries at the start/end of each day. Or for any urgent matters please ring the school office. Many Thanks!