



Magnificent Monarchs

Monkton Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter for Class 2
Term 4 - Magnificent Monarchs

In God's eyes, Everyone is special.

English

Phonics as ever will continue to be a focus for Class 2 as well as early reading skills. The children in Year 1 will continue to work on their Little Wandle phonics by learning some new sounds in phase 5. Year 2 continue on No-Nonsense spelling where they will learn some spelling conventions such as mnemonics, contractions and different sounds the same letters can make.

Our English lessons will continue to be linked to our topic and we will be looking at writing genres including:

- Comic strips
- Story writing

General

Welcome to Term 4! I cannot believe that is half the year done and half to go! This term is an exciting one with our school trip - for some children this could be their first!

Our topic continues, Magnificent Monarchs. This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns.

Mr. Clinch will continue to work with us for his final three weeks of this term.

Science

Habitats- Invertebrate groups; Microhabitats; Animal needs for survival; Food chains; Human impact on habitats; Animal offspring; Lifecycles - amphibians, birds, invertebrates, mammals and reptiles; Seasonal changes in animals; Habitat improvements; Working scientifically - Identifying and classifying, observing changes over time; Pattern seeking; Research
Investigations - learning how to work scientifically

RE

Term 4 - **Salvation** - Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Computing

Digital Music - We will explore how music can make us think and feel. We will make patterns and use those patterns to make music with both percussion instruments and digital tools. We will also create different rhythms and tunes, using the movement of animals for inspiration. Finally, we will share our creations and compare creating music digitally and non-digitally.

Maths

Areas of focus this term:

- Multiplication and division
- Length and height
- Mass and volume
- Capacity and temperature

PE

Term 4 - Dance
After School = Dodgeball - as requested by the class. PE and after school club are taught by Team Theme, who are trained sports coaches, and supported by Miss Jenks.

Foundation subjects

History- People - Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror; Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, Elizabeth II; Bayeux tapestry; Feudal system; Actions and impact; Historical models (completed over Term 3 & 4)

Art - Portraits and Poses - Portraiture; Royal portraits; Sketching; Digital artwork

Design Technology- Push and Pull - Term 4 - Machines and mechanisms; Sliders, levers and linkages; Designing and making greetings cards with moving parts

Music - Term 3 & 4 - Sparkyard - Exploring sounds

PSHE- Don't hold on to what's wrong

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
adaptation	monarchy	division	information
amphibian	chronology	multiplication	fiction
camouflage	decade	equals	non-fiction
carnivore	heir	count in	kennings
herbivore	invasion	cm, mm, km	poem
invertebrate	portrait	longer	persuasion
mammal	reign	shorter	verb
omnivore	timeline	heavier	adjective
respiration	royal	lighter	noun

Websites

- www.numbots.co.uk - please ask for your username and password if these have been misplaced as it is expected that children will access this as their maths homework
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf49q6f> - BBC bitesize Significant people
- [Monarchs and leaders - KS1 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

Special days/ Come join us

Wow what a busy term!

- Thursday 23rd February - school trip - Howletts
- Friday 24th February - costume swap shop - more information to follow
- Monday 27th - Friday 3rd March - Book Week - more information to follow
- Friday 3rd March - World Book Day
- Wednesday 8th March - Parent consultations
- Thursday 9th March - Steelpan workshop
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th March - STEM Week
- Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day
- Friday 24th March - PTA Disco
- Friday 31st March - End of Term