



Magnificent Monarchs

Monkton Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter for Class 2
Term 2 - 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:

- Information leaflets
- Poems - Kennings
- Comic strips
- Story writing

General

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you all had a great Christmas with lots of time for laughter, fun and family.

Our next topic is called 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.

This term we will also be welcoming a student teacher to our class - Mr. Clinch. We hope you will join us in wishing him luck on his training journey.

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

RE

Term 3 - **Gospel** - What is the good news Jesus brings?

Maths

Areas of focus this term:

- Shape - 2D and 3D shape - names and properties
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Place value

Computing

Digital Writing - Promote your learners' understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and change text. Learners will familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard and begin using tools to change the look of their writing, and then they will consider the differences between using a computer and writing on paper to create text.

PE

Term 3 - **Gymnastics**
After School = Muliti - skills and **Gymnastics**
PE and after school club are taught by Team Theme, who are trained sports coaches, and supported by Miss Jenks.

Foundation subjects

History- Historical vocabulary; Historical periods; Timelines; Power and rule; Historical artefacts; Significant 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)

Geography- Significant places - royal residences

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

Design Technology- Cut, Stitch and Join - Term 3 - - Everyday fabric products; Significant designer - Cath Kidston; Sewing patterns; Running stitch; Adding embellishments; Designing and making a bag tag. 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- Too much selfie isn't healthy

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	addition	information
amphibian	chronology	subtraction	fiction
camouflage	decade	equals	non-fiction
carnivore	heir	more than	kennings
herbivore	invasion	value	poem
invertebrate	portrait	less than	persuasion
mammal	reign	tens	verb
omnivore	timeline	ones	adjective
respiration	royal	names of shapes	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

- Tuesday 3rd January - Staff development day
- Wednesday 4th January - Start of term 3
- Friday 3rd February - Film night - more information to follow
- Friday 10th February - End of term