



Queen Elizabeth II



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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday! We are thrilled to welcome the children back for an exciting new half term.

Our topic this term is 'Queen Elizabeth II'. The children will explore her long and fascinating reign, discover key events from her time as monarch, and learn how she helped shape modern Britain.

We'll start our topic with a tea-riffic Royal Garden Party! At the end of this newsletter, you'll find some fun activities to try at home. We can't wait to see all the amazing things the children create!

Please continue to listen to your child read every day and sign their reading record, it makes such a difference to their learning.

Miss Neve and Mrs Redhead

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

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AS Writers we will be looking at the story 'A Birthday Crown' to inspire our story writing. We will also be practising our Year 1 common exception words and using finger spaces, capital letters and our phonics knowledge.

AS MATHEMATICIANS we will be practising counting and recognising numbers up to 20 before learning to add and subtract within 20.

AS HISTORIANS we will be learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and the changes she made in and beyond our living memory.

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS we will begin to use iPads to create our very own digital art work.

AS DESIGN TECHNICIANS we are exploring the features of castles so we can design and build our own strong and special castle using junk modelling materials.

AS SCIENTISTS we will explore different types of animals, how to group them, and whether they are carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores.

AS CITIZENS (PSHCE) we will be exploring our feelings and considering the feelings of others.

AS RELIGIOUS INVESTIGATORS we will be learning about Hinduism including the creation story.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

In P.E. we will build on the Fundamental Movement Skills from Term 1 by introducing a variety of ball skills, while continuing to encourage teamwork and individual effort.

AS MUSICIANS we will learn "The King is in the Castle", explore its rhyme and structure, play different accompaniments, and use our voices and actions to show the characters.

- Please bring **PE kits** every **Tuesday**.
- Please supply your child with a coat and water bottle **everyday**.
- Please read with your child and sign their reading record daily.



Termly homework

Please choose at least two of these projects to complete at home and bring into school to display.

Draw a castle and label the parts.

Visit one of our local castles on Portland, find out a fact about it.

Record a performance of our class story map of A Birthday Crown.

Help lay the table at dinner time and reenact a Royal Tea Party.

Draw and label a picture of a crown.



Home Task: Research how we can stop polluting the sea.

Draw Queen Elizabeth II wearing her crown. Show something special behind her, like Buckingham Palace or a garden.

Create a picture of the Queen's corgis and write how many she has in her lifetime.

Design a commemorative coin to celebrate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.