

Spring 1 Newsletter 2024

Happy New Year!

This half term we are learning about the reign of 'The Late Queen' and the changes that happened during her 70 years on the throne. We will be going to Windsor Castle to learn about the role of our King and about the coronation ceremony. We are also learning all about materials and their properties.

Reading and Phonics

We are continuing to learn a new Phase 5 sound each week. These are normally alternative presentations of the vowel digraphs which the children learnt in Reception.

Please continue to read the books with your children as often as you can. They will also continue to bring home a library 'reading for pleasure' book.

After half term we will be having another parents evening to meet you all to discuss your child's individual progress.

Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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DATES FOR DIARY

- PE days are Tuesday and Fridays
- Friendly Friday – 12th January
- Windsor Castle – Thursday 25th January
- Drama Workshop – Thursday 8th February
- Parents' evenings – 5th and 7th March





History

- Reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the changes which occurred in her reign
- Queen Elizabeth I and comparing the two Queens
- The new monarch and his coronation.

This Half Term our Topics are:



Marvellous Monarchs!

and

Materials



Science

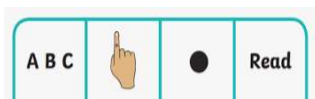
We will be:

- Naming and identify materials
- Grouping materials by their properties
- Investigating the suitability of materials

English

We have a class book every few weeks to base our learning around. These link to our topic.

- We will learn to read and write the Phase 5 sounds and associated Tricky Words.
- We will continue to read books that match the sounds we have been taught to practise and consolidate our reading skills.
- We will continue to apply our sounds in our writing. We will also begin to identify which spelling is needed when there is more than one possible GPC.
- We will learn rhymes to form our letters correctly.
- We are learning to use capital letters and full stops.



PSHE

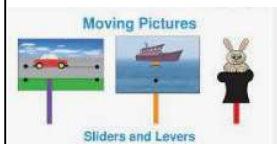
In PSHE we will be learning about keeping ourselves safe and who to talk to if we are worried.

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Design and Technology

We will design and make egg box dragons as part of our English.

We will also design, make and evaluate moving pictures. We will use levers, spinners and sliders.



Maths

This half term will be learning about;

- Place value (within 20)
- Addition and subtraction (within 20).
- We will start to learn about place value, within 50.

We will be;

- Counting to 20
- Using part-whole models
- Use the + and - symbols
- Use bonds to 20
- Using a number line to 20

All new concepts are taught using the concrete- pictorial- abstract progression.



PE

- Attack, Defend and Shoot
- Gymnastics.

Computing

We will further develop our knowledge of coding using the chrome books.

RE

- This half term we will be learning about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat and what Jewish people do on their holy day of rest.

Music

- In music we are learning about 'pitch and rhythm'. We will be using fairy tales to explore this.

