

Key Stage One Newsletter

Spring 1 2023



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a nice break! Hopefully all the children have had a good rest and are feeling fully recharged and raring to go!

Our learning this half term

This half term is focused on all things history linked to kings and queens. We will start the half term by comparing the reigns and lives of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth I, before looking at changes in the monarchy in living memory (over the last 100 years.) We will then focus more heavily on the life of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the upcoming coronation of King Charles III.

In English we will start the half term with the story of 'Paddington at the Palace' and the animation of 'The Queen's Hat.' We will then move to non-fiction, researching Queen Elizabeth II and writing biographies.

In our R.E. lessons we will be learning about Passover. Our big enquiry this half term is: 'How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?' In Art we will be studying the artist Roy Lichtenstein and his dot art techniques, creating our own artwork in this style.



Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- double and halve
- recognise odd and even numbers
- multiply, divide and solve problems using the 2, 5 and 10 times table
- recognise pounds and pence
- make the same amounts using different coins

Spelling Shed



Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. You can find your child's Spelling Shed login details on the inside cover of reading diaries. Spellings will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**.

Math Shed



Your child will start to receive weekly times table homework each week on Math Shed. This will be set to the current times table they are working on in class.

Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child as often as possible, and **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. **Reading diaries will be checked weekly**. Children who have their reading diary signed 4 times each week will receive house points and a reward at the end of the half term. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books each week.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us!

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Miss Bembridge and Mrs Trenowden ©

Kings, Queens and Castles



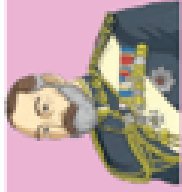
Victoria

Reign: 20th June 1837
- 22nd January 1901



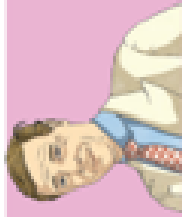
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Reign: 22nd January
1901 - 6th May 1910



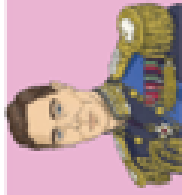
George V

Reign: 6th May 1910 -
20th January 1936



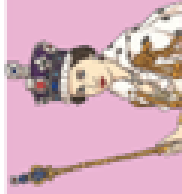
Edward VIII

Reign: 20th January 1936
- 11th December 1936



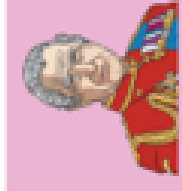
George VI

Reign: 11th December
1936 - 6th February 1952



Elizabeth II

Reign: 6th February 1952
- 8th September 2022



Charles III

Reign: 8th September
2022- Present

Key vocabulary:

king queen reign castle
palace before now
present past monarchy

How do we find out about the past?

We can find out about the past by:

- looking at and reading non-fiction books/searching the internet/talk to people who were around at the time that we want to learn about/watching video clips or TV shows/visiting museums/looking at photographs/looking at objects from the past

The present-day

King Charles III is the present-day king of England. He came to the throne in 2022 after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. Queen Elizabeth reigned for 70 years, meaning she is the United Kingdom's longest-reigning monarch. The castles and palaces that were significant in the Queen's reign were:

- Buckingham Palace
- Windsor Castle
- Balmoral Castle in Scotland

These are royal residences that the king is thought to spend time in now he is the reigning monarch.

