

Year 1

Our Royal Inheritance



Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and warmly welcome you back as we begin our final term in Year 1. This term we will be preparing children for the Phonics Screening Check which takes place in June. We will also be making slight changes to our daily routines as we continue to ready children for the transition into Year 2.

RE – This term, our first topic is **To the Ends of the Earth**. We will be learning about the time between Easter and Pentecost. We will also be looking closely at the Our Father prayer and considering its meaning more deeply. Our second topic is **Dialogue and Encounter**. We will be learning about other world faiths and beliefs, looking firstly at different Christian denominations before looking more closely at other religions within our community.

Our topic this term is **Our Royal Inheritance** which combines learning in **history** and **geography**. We will be learning about the history of our monarchy, focussing particularly on Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III. We will be learning about castles and why they were built, making links to the royal residences of our current King and Queen. We will be finding out where castles are built as we learn about the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.

Homework – This term we will begin to send home spellings each week. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and children will be tested the following Friday. We will continue to send home the weekly phonics sheets, which include a home learning task. We will also send home some maths activities which reflect what children have been doing in school. Please continue to read with your child each day and help to nurture in them a love of reading by regularly sharing books together. Books are changed on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

As Readers we will be sharing stories including *The Adventures of an Egg Box Dragon* and *The Boy who would be King*. We will also be exploring poetry from the book *The Head that Wears the Crown*. We will be continuing our daily phonics lessons, looking at different spelling patterns while also recapping what we have learnt so far in preparation of the Year 1 PSC.

As Writers we will be exploring some new genres, creating simple biographies and information texts inspired by our topic work. We will continue to reinforce the correct use of simple punctuation (such as full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks), while encouraging children to be more descriptive and adventurous with their writing.

As Mathematicians we will continue to embed our place value knowledge, extending our understanding to include numbers up to 100. We will revise addition and subtraction and begin to look at multiplication and division and fractions. We will explore measures, looking at money and time. We will continue to support children's mathematical understanding with the use of concrete, practical resources.

As Scientists we will be learning about materials and exploring their properties. We will be looking at how different materials can be used and the different properties some materials have when used to make different objects.

As Artists and Designers we will firstly be inspired by the *Adventures of an Egg Box Dragon* as we design and create our own 'egg box creatures'. We will be developing our drawing skills through our art topic, *Portraits*, where we will also be inspired by portraits of past monarchs to create regal reflections of ourselves.

As Musicians we will be working on composition and reading music from simple symbols. We will be developing our skills of conducting and following direction, using percussion instruments.



As athletes we are working on throwing and catching skills and beginning to explore a simple tactic game. We will also be doing *Dance* and looking particularly at travelling patterns. We have PE on a **Tuesday and Friday**.