

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back everyone; we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break. We are really looking forward to the New Year with your children continuing our learning together.

We are, once again, taking a cross-curricular approach to our learning this term as we begin our new topic **Magnificent Monarchs.**



RE

Our topics are Books, Thanksgiving and Opportunities

English

We will be reading 'Grace and family' and 'Rapunzel' as our writing stimulus. In creative writing, we will be looking at diary writing, information text, and alternative fairytales. We will also continue with weekly spelling and grammar lessons. Your support with these at home is greatly appreciated, as it enables the children to progress in their writing tasks.

Maths

In maths, we will be continuing with Multiplication and Division. We will be recapping Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, including money. We will be introducing fractions, measurement - time/mass/volume and capacity and we will be working on Statistics. We will continue to work on our problem solving strategies and developing mastery throughout each topic. We will continue to Multiples Marathon weekly - please support your child to learn their 2's/3's/5's/10 times table.



Science - We will be exploring 'Habitats', Your child will learn what a habitat provides for the plants and animals that live there and that habitats contain both living and non-living things. They will research how a woodland habitat provides the things necessary for the survival of the animals that live there.



History

In the Magnificent Monarchs project, your child will learn about English and British monarchs from AD 871 to the present day and consider how the power of the monarchy has changed over time. They will study six significant sovereigns; Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II. Finally, they will choose which of the sovereigns that they have studied is the most significant.



Geography

We will be locating Royal residences within the U.K

We will also be continuing with our map work using a key and symbols.

D.T

This project will teach the children about fabric home products and the significant British brand Cath Kidston. They learn about sewing patterns and using a running stitch and embellishments before making a sewn bag tag.

PSHE

Our theme is Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

Computing

We will be using 'Purple Mash' to look at the importance of phrasing questions and that certain data-handling resources are limited in the answers they can provide.

Music

Our theme is 'I Wanna Play In A Band' which the children learn to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic Rock songs..



PE

Lessons will be on a Wednesday Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate kit for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Also, during these winter months, please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a hoodie/sweatshirt to keep them warm. In the interests of safety, children **with earrings will be expected** to remove them or cover them with tape.



Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows:

- Read (daily) - their class reading book /Phonics book
- Practise spellings (daily)
- Comprehension exercise (weekly)
- Grammar exercise (weekly)
- Times table practise (daily)
- Mathematics task/activity (weekly)



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wilson, Mrs Croft, Mrs Aro and Mrs Bala