

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

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Exciting Stuff!

This term, we have so many exciting things to look forward to!

We will be looking at animals and how they survive in Science.

In DT we will be creating a chair for Baby Bear.

In Maths we will be learning how to multiply and divide.

In PE we will be doing gymnastics.

CLASS DOJO








I will be regularly updating Class Dojo with good news and reminders throughout the term!

Kings and Queens!

This term, we are focusing on Kings and Queens. In this unit the children are introduced to the monarchs chronologically from 1066 up to King Charles III.

Here are some key monarchs!

<p>King William I ruled from 1066 to 1087</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William I won the Battle of Hastings. He became the King of England in 1066. He was known as 'William the Conqueror' because he took over England. 	<p>King John I ruled from 1199 to 1216</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John I was one of the worst kings in English history. He taxed the barons and made them angry. The barons forced him to sign Magna Carta. 	<p>Queen Elizabeth I ruled from 1558 to 1603</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth I won the Spanish Armada. She proved that women could be powerful monarchs. Her time in power was the 'Golden Age'. 	<p>King Charles I ruled from 1625 to 1649</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliament and the Roundheads beat Charles I and the Cavaliers in the English Civil War. Parliament asked Oliver Cromwell to rule. The UK did not have a monarch for 11 years. 	<p>King Charles III has ruled from 2022</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles III is the monarch today. Today, we have a constitutional monarchy. The Prime Minister is in charge and the King does not have much power.
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Word	Definition
army	A large number of people trained to fight on land.
baron	A member of the lowest rank of nobility.
battle	A fight between two armies.
civil war	Wars between groups of people of the same country.
conquer	To defeat and take control of a country and its people.
constitutional monarchy	A political system where the king or queen acts on advice from the government.
coronation	The ceremony of crowning a king or queen.
defeated	Losing in a game or battle.
government	A group of people who are in charge of a country.
hereditary monarchy	A political system led by a monarch whose title is passed down to a child from a parent.
invade	To attack and enter a country or place.

Word	Definition
Magna Carta	An official document listing basic laws for running the country.
monarch	A king, queen, emperor, or empress ruling a country.
parliament	A group of people who make a country's laws.
portrait	A picture of a person.
power	Political control over a country.
powerful	Having great power, strength, or influence.
Prime Minister	The leader of a government.
role	Someone or something's function or purpose.
rule	To govern or reign.
supporters	Someone who supports something, like a sports team or political party.
throne	A special chair for a king or queen at ceremonies.

Some Key Dates in December!

Thursday 5th – Y1 and Y2 at the Pantomime
 Friday 6th – 1:30pm - St Mary's Winter Market
 Tuesday 10th at 2:15pm - Curriculum showcase
 Monday 16th - 9:30am Y1&2 Nativity, 2pm Y5&6 Nativity
 Tuesday 17th – 9:30am EYFS Nativity, Y3&4 Nativity
 Wednesday 18th at 9:15am – whole school Christmas mass
 Thursday 19th – Christmas jumper & party day
 Friday 20th – Carols around the crib

PE Days!

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday!
 Please remember your kit on these days.