

The Changing Power of the Monarchy

Welcome Back Year 5!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term and are ready for another busy new term!

This term we will be learning about the British Monarchy from 1066 to the present day! We will begin at the Battle of Hastings and explore the ways in which the British Monarchy has changed and developed over the last thousand years. We will explore the power and impact of key monarchs, such as King Charles I, King Charles II, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

Our English work will link to our topic, as we explore Historical Fiction and create our own stories set in a different time. We will be examining portraits in Art, using mixed media to create our own portraits over the course of the term. Our DT learning will include making some fierce and friendly creatures!

In Computing, we will be exploring how we can convey information easily through the use of technology, particularly through iMovie, QR codes and Aurasma. We will be using these apps to create an interactive portrait gallery at the end of the term.

Our main focus in our Science learning this term will be 'Change', as we learn about life cycles and the life processes of plants and animals, including reproduction. Our RE learning will be based around the events of Holy Week and Christian beliefs about who Jesus was. In Maths, we will continue to build upon our skills including Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction, Measure and Fractions.

We have the chance to share our learning with our parents and carers at two points in the last week of term, with a Kings and Queens gallery in the classrooms on Thursday 6th April and our joint Collective Worship on 7th April (**please note the change of date**). We can't wait to share our learning with our parents and carers and the rest of the school.

As always, feel free to contact us if you have any queries!

Miss Thomas & Miss Howick

Home Learning:

- In the second week of term, we will be asking your children to bring in a photo of them as a baby, a toddler and now, so you could start thinking about this now. They will be using these photos in their Science work, so please do not send in a precious original! Instead, please can we have a copy (you are also more than welcome to email us those photos if that is easier!)
- Please continue to practise both Spelling Booklets and Times Tables at home so that this can reinforce work in school. Testing will continue as previously.
- Although your child may be increasingly keen to read to themselves, please continue to read alongside them and ask questions about what they were reading as this will aid their comprehension skills.
- PE days are the same as last term - Tuesday and Thursday for 5AH and Wednesday and Thursday for 5GT!

Key Dates:

INSET Day	06/03/17
Year 5 End of Term Aurasma Gallery	06/04/17
Year 5 Collective Worship	07/04/17