

# MIGHTY MONARCHS

Welcome back from the short break. We hope you are rested and looking forward to Term 4. I know, it's term 4 already! Anyway, we are ready to get cracking with our new topic: Mighty Monarchs: Power and The British Monarchy in which we will be looking at how the kings and queens of England, since 1066, have dealt with revolution, civil war, scandals and plots as they tried to keep a grip on power. Along the way we will meet some very interesting people who have all tried to shape the way our sceptered -isle is run. So, strap in for battles, beheadings and banquets as we run headlong into the changing faces of the British monarchy!

## Curriculum:

**English:** In our writing we will be using newspaper articles to explore some of the historical themes of our topic and looking at the ways in which newspaper articles seek to inform and influence our thinking. We will also look at poetry, learning some off-by-heart and then writing some of our own. To spice things up we shall look at dramatic/action writing as we consider battles and warfare. Our reading will focus on some examinations of the texts we are looking at in our writing so that we get a really good understanding of each genre.

**Maths:** We will be looking at special numbers, like primes and cubes, solid and 2d shapes, measures and volume, statistics and ratio and fractions.

**P.E.** We will be learning how to control the ball and play tactically in hockey. **Art:** After we have examined some of the most iconic portraits of the royals, we will be embarking on our own self-portraits. There will be an exhibition with a difference for you to attend at the end of the topic! **P.S.H.E.E.** In order to build up to a healthy banquet at the end of term, we will be exploring the perfect balance of healthy bodies/healthy minds.

## **Dates and notices:**

**Times tables and spellings:** We ask that you continue to support your children with their spellings and times tables as they are part of every child's weekly homework. They should be bringing home spelling booklets but if they do not, please ask us to chase this up!

**P.E. Kits:** we will be doing P.E. on a Friday afternoon and Tuesday PPA as normal.

**Dates:** 27 Feb production of Hobbit. 1. 3.19 – 5TP Collective worship, World Book Day celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Class photos, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 5JD Collective worship, 22<sup>nd</sup> ROA to parents, Parent teacher consultations 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 Team