

MIGHTY MONARCHS

Welcome back from the Christmas break. We hope you are rested and looking forward to Term 3. I know, it's term 3 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 the picture book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. Along the way, we shall be examining how newspapers seek to influence and persuade, letter writing, integrating action and dialogue and leaflet writing, as well as some lovely descriptive pieces from differing perspectives.

Maths: We are kicking off with a look into shape, space and statistics, including time, how to read tables, area and perimeter and properties of shape.

P.E. We will be learning how to play tactically in Tag Rugby and how to use our bodies in a variety of ways in Gymnastics. **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. **Design & Technology:** As a tie-in with our P.S.H.E.E. topic, we are going to be designing a salad fit for a queen! **R.E:** As we delve into the main tenets of Hinduism we will be asking: How can Brahman be everywhere and everything?

Computing: To showcase our learning, we shall be using e-books to create profiles of kings and queens to share with year 1 and 2 children.

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 Monday morning, which will be tag rugby. We will be playing this on the grass, so it might be advisable to wear appropriate clothing, which is warm and is ok to get muddy. If you own football, or studded boots, then feel free to bring these in, as well. Tuesday P.E. in P.P.A. session is as normal.

Dates: Young Voices: 4th Feb, House day, 7th February

Year 5 Team