

# Great Queens Larks Cluster Sheet



3rd January to 10th February 2023

## What are we going to be learning?

The hook for a lot of our learning this half term is 'Great Queens'. This will be led by our history learning about Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Following the history learning the children will be asked to create a simple information page about one of the queens and the time of her reign. Within our literacy lessons the children become familiar with the story 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony and will then write the story of the Queen's Hat in the setting of Froxfield School. They will also become familiar with the story 'The Queen's Knickers' by Nicholas Allan and write a letter to a royal visitor to persuade them to visit Froxfield. In maths the Larks will develop their addition and subtraction problem solving skills as well as learning about halves and quarters and telling the time to the hour and half past the hour. In our science learning the children will learn that there are many different materials that have different observational properties and that materials that have similar properties are grouped into metals, rocks, fabrics, wood, plastic and ceramics (including glass). In PE with Active8 on a Tuesday the children will develop their throwing skills, aiming at a target. Thursday's PE with Mrs Ingham Thomas will be gymnastics. Our Concept for RE will be 'Special' in the context of the special books. In computing the children are beginning to learn how to use a track pad and control the cursor using 2Paint computer programme. In music the children will explore timbre grouping different percussion instruments and exploring how they can be played and explore different vocal sounds. They will also explore notating and responding to basic graphic notation including those illustrating the musical dimensions. In art we will be developing our drawing skills with different activities such as keeping our pencil on the page for a continuous line drawing and small observational drawings. During Design Technology the children will be food tasting and evaluating sandwich fillings to design and make their own 'Royal Sandwich'.

## What will the hook be?

History Days

## How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

Parents and carers are invited to Royal tea on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 2.45pm

## Key Vocabulary:

History: Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II, monarch, castle, coronation, sceptre, orb, crown, crowned, royal, Windsor castle, Buckingham Palace, reign  
DT: cut, slice, mash, grate, spread, filling, evaluate, taste, smooth, soft, savoury

**How can learning be extended at home? (Your child will also bring home homework tasks, their current mental maths card and please see the reading record)** Please support your child with continuing their routines from the start of the year such as arriving at school on time as well as remembering their book bag, water bottle and coat every day. They will need to come to school on a Tuesday and Thursday in PE kit plus school shoes as they need to leave their trainers in school to be used every day. They will need to have **plimsolls** in their school PE bag at school for gymnastics on a Thursday in the hall. Please make sure long hair is always tied back. Continue with reading routines at home developing fluidity always recording in their diary. Homework will be sent out on a Friday for Larks to complete by the following Thursday. They will also have weekly spellings on a Friday to learn for a test the following Friday. Please continue to work with your child on their mental maths card.

## Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beg 2/1	Week beg 9/1	Week beg 16/1	Week beg 23/1	Week beg 30/1	Week beg 12/12
Mon: Bank Holiday Tues: INSET Day Wed: First day back Wed/Thurs: History Day Thurs: History Museum in Class 1		Wed: Class 1 trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to children's concert	I will begin to share the books in the Hampshire Picture Book award competition	Thurs: French afternoon	Tues and Wed: Concept Day Tues: Internet Safety Day - afternoon focus Tues: 2.45pm Class 1 led service in church Thurs: 2.45pm Parents are invited to attend a 'Royal Tea' Fri: Last day of half term

