

Great Queens Wrens 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 record anything they have learnt using simple pictures and words and phrases. Within our literacy lessons the children become familiar with the story 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony and then sequence some pictures and write words about where the hat went. They will also become familiar with the story 'The Queen's Knickers' by Nicholas Allan and write a letter to a royal visitor with a list of things to see in Froxfield. In maths the Wrens will continue to develop their subitising skills. They will also develop their counting skills and understanding of ordinality and cardinality. In our science learning the children will begin to understand some important processes and changes in the natural world including seasons and changing states of matter. 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 will explore making simple lines using 2Simple computer programme. In music the children will begin to explore timbre using different percussion instruments and their voices and they will explore notating and responding to picture cues, signs and symbols. 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 making a simple '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: old, new, then, now, before, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II, castle, coronation, crown, crowned
DT: cut, slice, mash, grate, spread, filling, 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 Wrens to complete by the following Thursday. 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 and 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	Wed: 2.30pm Year R parents maths workshop Thurs: French afternoon	Tues and Wed: Concept Day Tues: Internet Safety Day - afternoon focus Tues: 2.45pm Class 1 led service in church Thurs: Year R National Childhood Measurement Programme Thurs: 2.45pm Parents are invited to attend a 'Royal Tea' Fri: Last day of half term