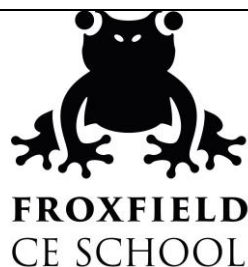


# Great Queens Larks Cluster Sheet



6th January to 14th February 2025

## 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, throwing and aiming underarm. Thursday's PE with Mrs Ingham Thomas will be gymnastics. Our Concept for RE will be 'Remembering' in the context of the Hindu festival Holi. In computing, the children will control different tools using the trackpad to draw shapes and lines on a digital painting computer programme. In music the children will explore timbre grouping different percussion instruments and how they can be played as well as exploring 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 evaluating sandwich fillings to choose and then make their own 'Royal Sandwich'.

## What will the hook be?

History Days and our literature texts

## How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

Parents and carers are invited to a Royal tea on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 2.45pm

## Key Vocabulary:

History: coronation, royal, reign, monarchy, empire  
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 to be completed 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 6/1	Week beg 13/1	Week beg 20/1	Week beg 27/1	Week beg 3/2	Week beg 10/2
Mon: First day back	Tues: Class 1 trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to children's concert	Tues/Wed: Concept Day	I will begin to share the books in the Hampshire Picture Book award competition.	Thurs: History Day	Mon: History Day 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