

# Great Queens Wrens 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 record anything they have learnt using simple pictures, words and phrases. Within our literacy lessons the children become familiar with the story 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony and 'The Queen's Knickers' by Nicholas Allan, they will use their growing phonic knowledge to write simple words and phrases about these texts. In phonics the children will be learning new digraphs and spotting them when reading. They will also develop their fluency at reading tricky words. 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 'Remembering' in the context of the Hindu festival Holi. In computing, the children will explore different tools to draw shapes using a digital painting 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. For Design & Technology, the children will be food tasting and making sandwich fillings for a '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, monarchy  
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 and flashcards.

## 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.	Wed: Maths workshop for Wrens' parents 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