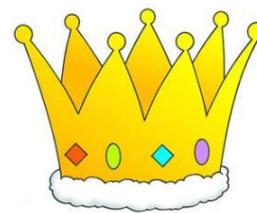


Oulton Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1



Happy New Year.

We hope you all had fantastic holiday. The children all enjoyed telling us about what they were up to. Our Topic this term is Kings and Queens. Here is some more information about what the children will be learning this half term:

English

We will continue to have daily Read, Write, Inc sessions, allowing children to apply and build on their phonic knowledge for reading and writing. For children in Year 1 they will be focusing on alien words and applying their phonic knowledge in preparation for the phonic screen check in June.

Year 2 will be looking at reading comprehension and how to infer and deduce information from a text that is not directly written.

We will be using a losing tale for our fiction writing this half term. The children will be looking at a wider range of punctuation and grammar, including question marks, commas and exclamation marks. We will be learning to add -ed, -est and -ing endings to words, where there is no change to the root word (year 1) and where the root word needs amending (year 2). We will always be looking for the correct use of homophones and the children being aware of the different spellings of words having different meanings.

The children will all be sent home with reading challenges to complete. The children need to read every day at home.

Maths

In year R/1 we are starting this term by looking at place value to twenty, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will then look at addition and subtraction to twenty, focusing on how we can use pictorial representations to support our working out. We will finish this half term by extending our understanding of place value to include numbers to 50.

In Year 2 we are starting the term by looking at multiplication and division. We will consider the similarities and differences between grouping and sharing and when it is best to use each strategy. We will again be considering how we can use pictorial representations to supporting our understanding.

As a class we will think about how Maths is a vital life skill and how it will help us as we move through our education and into later life.

Don't forget to complete weekly Mathletics. 1000 points will earn you a certificate.

Year 1 and 2 children should be working towards earning their 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x table wristbands.

Science

We will think about the changes in season between winter and spring and learn the names of common spring flowers. We will consider what plants need to grow and observe how they change over time. We will think about how we can record our findings and use these to draw conclusions.

PSHE: Year 2 will be completing the RSE for their age group. The whole class will consider the importance of becoming a good citizen both locally and in the wider world. They will consider what being a good citizen means and how this supports them in later life.

Topic: Kings and Queens.

We will be learning what a monarch is and about their role. We will be researching significant monarchs in history and create a time line of their rule. We will consider the similarities and differences between the reigns of different monarchs and why these differences might exist. We will think about how the role of a monarch has changed over time and why. We will learn about castles and the different parts of a castle and what they would have been used for. Year 2 will create their own printing blocks to print pictures of castles. Reception and year 1 will look at different textiles and learn to use running stitch to create their own coat of arms. In computing we will be looking at coding and how we can program a computer or toy to do what we want it to do.

As always if you can offer any support in teaching our topic ~ please let us know.

Helpful Websites**Maths**

www.mathletics.co.uk

English

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Topic

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/famous_monarchs/

<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zkqmhyc>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/kings-and-queens/>

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/british-kings-and-queens>

Reading challenge

The children have all brought home a list of reading challenges. The children will need to work towards these at home. Once they have been completed they will earn a book mark and coloured ribbons. The children will need your support with these challenges. For example, reading to an adult at home. Remember to record their progress towards the challenges in their reading diaries.

P.E Kits

Our P.E sessions will be on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. On Friday's we will be doing dance so children will need shorts and T-shirt for indoor sessions, as well as warm clothing for outdoor sessions on a Thursday. Please bring P.E kits in on a Monday in case they are needed at other points during the week. A reminder that long hair must be securely tied back and all jewellery removed for P.E sessions.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day – it is important for them to stay hydrated.

UEA Student

This half term we are lucky enough to be joined by another student from the UEA. Ms Kenny will start in school on Monday 13th January. We are sure you will make her feel very welcome.

As always you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Kind Regards,

YR/1 Team: Miss Titmarsh, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Mummery and Miss Freij.