



Year 2 Newsletter

Term 3 - Marvellous Monarchs



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We hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed your Christmas. For Term 3 and 4 our topic will be Marvellous Monarchs - we will launch our topic with a local walk to see places made famous by a previous Monarch (Queen Victoria). The focus for our topic will be History and we will be finding out about Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II. We will also be comparing how schools were in Victorian times to how our school is today.

What we will be learning in English in Term 3:

We will be learning about:

Traditional Tales and Stories from Other Cultures

Our Text is The Princess and the Pea retold by Rachel Isadora

- We will know the story.
- We will be able to describe characters using adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases.
- We will understand and use the format of a story including plot, sequencing, characterisation, settings, events and the impact they have.
- We will write stories with a clear beginning, middle and end.

Poetry - nonsense and tongue twisters

- We will start to use rhyming words.
- We will know that poetry has structure, including verses.
- We will write poetry in a variety of forms.

We will be continuing the Little Wandle Spelling programme and the spellings we send home will focus on what we are learning in class.

In SPAG we will be starting to identify the following word classes - nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. We will continue learning about common homophones and how to use an apostrophe for contraction.

What we will be learning in Maths in Term 3:

We will be learning about:

Money

- Combining amounts to make a particular value.
- Finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amount of money of the same unit including giving change.
- Solving simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction.

Multiplication and Subtraction

- Introducing the multiplication symbol.
- Making equal groups.
- Recalling multiplication and division facts for 2s, 5s and 10s and using them to solve simple problems demonstrating an understanding of commutativity as necessary.
- Calculating mathematical statements of multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication, division and equals signs.
- Recognising repeated addition contexts representing them with multiplication equations and calculate the product within the 2, 5 and 10 times multiplication tables.
- Showing that multiplication of 2 numbers can be done in any order and division cannot.
- Solving problems involving multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.

What we will be learning in other areas this term:

In Science our learning will be about Plants and working scientifically. We will be carrying out investigations too.

In Computing we are going to use Google Kids to search for information about Monarchs.

In History we will focus on Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II - we will be describing in simple terms the importance of local events, people and places. We will also be finding out what it was like to live and go to school in a different time in history.

In Art we will be drawing castles and know how to use line and tone to draw shapes, patterns and texture. We will also be designing a Coat of Arms for a new Monarch.

In PE we will be working on Multi Skills (Infant Agility) and Dance.

In PSHE we will be focusing on our Dreams & Goals.

In Music we will use Charanga - I Wanna Play in a Band and focusing on Rock music.

Please Don't forget...

Each child should have a named PE kit, which stays in school - PE starts immediately so please make sure they are all in school.
Water bottles (containing only water) to come in to school daily.
Forest school- children should come in to school wearing suitable forest school clothes (see letter). School shoes

Important dates...

Term 3 starts - Monday 5th January 2026
Last Day of Term 3 - Friday 13th February 2026
Parent Consultations - 11th & 12th February 2026
(more details to follow)

should be worn and wellies brought in a named bag to change into for the session. This term it is Joss Bay's turn on Tuesday mornings commencing 13th January 2026.

Reminders/For Information...

We encourage the children to change their reading books independently and this can be done on a daily basis if that's what the children need to do. Please make sure that Reading Records are available on a daily basis. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2 Teachers

Home Learning Ideas:

Look at different coins and stamps, can you design a coin or stamp for a new Monarch?

What facts can you find out about Queen Victoria?

What facts can you find out about Queen Elizabeth II?

Have you ever visited a castle? Which one was it? What did you find out?

Can you design a crown for a new Monarch? Which jewels would you use?