



The Land of the Kings and Queens

Year 4 – Spring Term B

This half term our topic will be History based.

The focus of this unit will be the understanding of chronology. We will begin by exploring our own timelines and family trees in order to help us understand that of the British Monarchy.

We will then work on our research and recording skills as we choose an historical British monarch to study. At the end of the unit we will showcase our knowledge and understanding of the monarchs studied in class through drama, answering the question: Which British Monarch had the most power?

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will continue our exploration of values of less than 1, focusing on the use of decimals.

- Comparing and ordering decimals
- Rounding decimals
- Multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100, 1000

We will also continue to practice our timetables weekly so that we can develop our fluency in recalling them for multiplication and division facts. Our focus tables for will be 7 in February and 8 in March.

Writing

In English, we will continue exploring our narrative skills by writing rags to riches tales. Our skills focus will be characterisation. We will then develop our non-fiction writing by creating discussion texts about a range of issues.

Throughout the term children will be working on spelling rules, punctuation and vocabulary building.

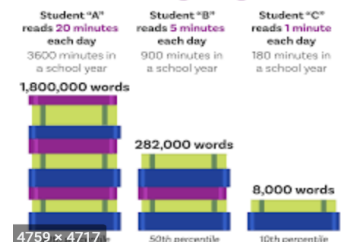
Reading

In term 2B, the children will begin to explore poetry. We will analyse the features of different poetry types and practise reading poems aloud focusing on our intonation. Furthermore, the children will continue to develop their inferencing skills. The children will infer from a picture as well as a text. Throughout the term there will continue to be a focus on our comprehension skills, ensuring children can finding support evidence from a text to justify their findings.

Moral, Social and Cultural Development

We will be exploring what it means to be thoughtful and cooperative. We will be learning different strategies to improve our cooperation skills.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



PE

During Physical Education next term Year 4 will be studying basketball. Students will increase their confidence and selection of basic skills such as dribbling passing and shooting. Develop a range of ball handling skills. Use basic rules in game situations, footwork, double dribble, traveling. Students will be provided with conditioned scenarios that will give them ample opportunities to explore basic defending, marking and outwitting opponent skills.

Science

In Science we will be exploring the world of sound. Children will begin by investigating a range of musical instruments, looking at how they produce sound.

Over the course of the unit, we will look at sound waves and how pitch and volume are created.

We will then use this knowledge to help edit the audio of our History videos.

Drama

In Drama this term, we will develop royal characterisation. We will study this form with a focus on how we use our voice and body language when portraying a particular figure from a royal freeze frame.

Music

In Music this term, we will focus our study on learning about the instruments of the orchestra with a focus on the Brass family. We will learn all about Fanfares and why they are used in Royal Music.

French

In term 2b, Year 4 students will be focusing on the language needed to describe their home. Students will learn to say whether they live in an apartment or villa, and will learn to describe what rooms they have/don't have in their home.

Computer Science

Virtual landscapes and 3D design will be the exciting focus for this term. Using a variety of software and apps, students will have the opportunity to build their own 3D content that can be projected in to a range of forms, including augmented reality and virtual reality. Exploring this innovative topic will allow students to understand the uses of this technology within our ever evolving world and prepare them for the future.

Arabic

Children will continue their study of the seasons; spring and fall. They will also link in with the topic of the Land of the Kings and Queens by looking at family vocabulary.

Spanish

In Spanish, students will be learning to form a sentence using with the words "I can...". Students will learn ten common verbs/activities, and they will even start to study how question marks are very different in Spanish! To find out more, please refer to SWAY on the last week of term for a more detailed overview of the topics.

Art

In Art this term, students will be introduced to a range of new mix media and understand the techniques and processes. This unit will encourage young learners to create their own works and use these skills to create some works linked to the theme The British Monarch.