

# Class 1 - Summer 2 2024 - Kings and Queens

We cannot quite believe that the children are at their final half term of reception! Here is an overview of the exciting learning activities we will cover in Summer 2.

## Reading

It is very important that your child reads for at least 10 minutes every day to revise known sounds, practise their blending skills and develop a love of reading. Remember that it is not essential for your children to read the whole story each night, as we can continue the book with them the following day. Comprehension is a valuable reading skill so please do ask your child questions about what they have read or listened to, to further develop their skills. It is also valuable that children revise sounds and tricky words from their pots as often as possible too. Please continue to record all reading in the home school diaries and your child will be rewarded with a star stamp.



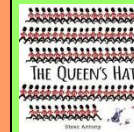
## Maths

In maths this half term, we will continue to practise and consolidate the following key skills; the composition of 10, sorting and matching, counting, subitising up to 10 and comparing and ordering. We will build beyond 10 and then beyond 20, using the skills and equipment that the children are now familiar with. The children will explore odd and even numbers and amounts through sharing and grouping. We will revisit spatial awareness by encouraging the children to understand that we can make maps and plans to represent places and use these to see where things are in relation to other things.



## English

In English this half term, we will be looking at how to create our own version of a story based on a familiar one. The children will continue to practise writing a sequence of short sentences through story writing and recent events e.g. a school trip. They will be exploring verbs through the hilarious tale of 'The Queens Hat', revisiting adjectives through 'The Kings Pants' and 'The Queen's Knickers', looking at castles within non-fiction books, and using books about dragons (such as 'Zog' and 'The Dragon with the Blazing Bottom') to link their knowledge and use of adjectives and adverbs.



## Understanding the World

The children will learn about the features of a castle and how they were used by kings and queens in the past. They will gain an understanding of how to have a healthy lifestyle, including how to stay safe in the sun and the pool/sea and why it is important to limit screen time. The children will be widening their knowledge of minibeasts by creating minibeast habitats. Finally, they will explore shadows and learn how shadows are made, using torches and dark spaces. This will lead onto the explanation of why it is light in the day and dark at night and the role of the sun and moon.



## Physical Development

Children will continue with their weekly PE and tennis lessons. They will focus on moving with control and coordination during activities such as dance. Outside of these they will continue to practise valuable skills as part of our curriculum provision. Outdoor gross motor activities and indoor finger gym will continue to be offered daily. The excitement of Sports Day will also take place this half term! Details for this will follow nearer the time. Please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on Tuesday and Friday.



## Communication and Language

Children will continue to take part in a range of daily activities in which key speaking and listening skills will be developed. There will be a focus on extending vocabulary by modelling a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, played) Children will continue to have access to a variety of role play activities in which they can develop their language and communication skills. Their role play area this half term will be a castle, based on the theme of the Kings and Queens topic.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

This half term the children will continue to develop their confidence when speaking to others about their needs and interests. They will learn that each person's body belongs to them, and we will discuss the importance of understanding appropriate and inappropriate physical contact. We will also focus the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing through exercise, a balanced diet and spending time outside.



## Religious Education (RE)

Mr Hill will be teaching the children about how Christians have a duty of care for the natural world because of God the creator. They will learn how St Francis of Assisi represents God's love and care for all living things and discuss how we can look after the place where we live and how this can impact other places in the world. This will be taught through religious stories and theological vocabulary that the children should begin to be familiar with.



## Expressive Art and Design

The children will continue to experiment with different media and work creatively on a large and small scale. They will have the opportunity to freely explore painting, textile, and mixed media to consolidate the skills they have learnt throughout the year. They will be using their knowledge of joining and fixing by making a castle with a drawbridge. This creation will provide them as a prop for imaginative role play scenarios.

