

Spring 1 Parent Newsletter

We are excited to share what your child will be learning this half term! Here's an overview of our focus areas across subjects:

English – Reading & Writing

This term, we will explore the exciting world of traditional tales through our core text, *The Queen's Hat* by Steve Antony. Children will develop key writing skills, including building strong sentence structure, using exclamation marks and question marks effectively, extending sentences to add detail and interest and creating their own pieces of independent writing.



Mathematics

We will strengthen children's understanding of numbers within 20. Our focus will include: place value, comparing and ordering numbers, finding one more and one less, and using a number line confidently. We will also be exploring addition and subtraction and developing strategies to solve problems within 20. Through practical activities and problem-solving tasks, pupils will build fluency and confidence in early number skills.

History – Kings, Queens and Leaders

Children will learn about significant leaders and how they shaped history. We will be focusing on the events surrounding the creation of the Magna Carta. This topic will help pupils understand how leadership and decisions impact society.



Science – Animals and Their Needs

We will explore the fascinating world of animals, focusing on different groups of animals, habitats and how they meet animals' needs. Children will investigate what animals need to survive and thrive.

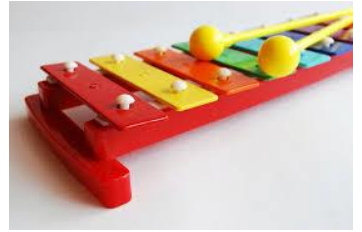
Music – In the Groove

Our music lessons will encourage creativity and rhythm through finding and keeping a steady beat and listening and identifying instruments and genres. The children will have the opportunity to playing glockenspiels to create simple melodies.

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Art & Design

This term's art focus is architecture. Children will learn about the features of buildings. They will explore different sketching and shading techniques, and they will be creating clay gargoyles for hands-on experience.



Spanish

We will introduce basic Spanish greetings and phrases to build confidence in speaking a new language.

How You Can Help at Home:

- Read The Queen's Hat together and talk about the story.
- Practice counting forwards and backwards to 20.
- Discuss different animals and their habitats.
- Listen to different music genres and identify instruments.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes Mrs MacMillan and Miss Oliver.

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