



## Year 1 Curriculum Leaflet

Spring 2

### 'Your Majesty'



We will go back in time to explore the monarchy, in particular Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. **If you have any historical artefacts from this period please do bring them in or post them on Google Classroom for us to share!** Coins, jubilee items are all very welcome.

P.E. days remain the same for Turtles and Seahorses, Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school appropriately for the weather.

Forest school will continue to be each week on Thursday.

#### English

Aim: To be able to write for a variety of purposes.

The children will write simple sentences, using full stops and capital letters and then extend their writing using conjunctions. We will continue to develop their writing skills and will focus on the traditional tale 'Rumpelstiltskin'. The children will be writing a diary from the perspective of one of the characters in the story. They will continue to ensure their writing makes sense by checking their work, they will also have a go at editing their work!

You can support this at home by including non-fiction texts during bedtime reading.

#### Reading

Aim: To build fluency in reading to help with pace and flow

We are continuing to work hard with the children on their phonics and learning different phonemes that sound the same e.g. ay, a-e ai etc.

You can support this at home by reading with your child every day. Please write in your child's reading diary each time you read. If they read 5 times in a week, they get a star meaning they get a house point.

#### Maths

Aim: To confidently partition numbers in different ways.

This term we will be focusing on numbers up to 50. The children will practise partitioning (splitting up) the numbers in different ways such as into 10s and 1s. Next, we will look at measuring length and height before moving on to weight and volume. The children worked very hard last term at counting forwards and backwards in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's and we will continue to build on this skill.

You can support this at home by completing Doodle maths every day.

## Art

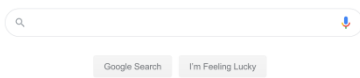
Aim: To use a variety of techniques to explore colour.

This half term the children will be focusing on their skills when colour mixing paint. This will help them to create some fantastic firework scenes in the style of Joseph McWilliams.

At home you can support this by looking back at any celebrations you may have had that included fireworks. What colours can you see?



## Computing



Aim: To be able to recognise technology around us

Learners will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them in their everyday lives. They will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. Learners will also consider how to use technology responsibly.

You can help at home by discussing what to do to keep safe online before using the computer.

## Science

Aim: To be able to explain what plants need to grow.

We will focus on plant life and planting flowers to observe through spring. The children will discuss the changes that occur and how healthy plants grow. We will also start an investigation into what bean plants need to grow.

You can support this at home by looking at different plants you spot when out walking. Are there any flowers? Can you spot any different ones now the weather is changing? Discuss with your child how they think the weather affects the types of plants we see.

## History

Aim: To answer the question: Which queen reigned at the best time, Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria or Queen Elizabeth II?

The children will learn about these three queens and how life was during these times. They will look at key events that occurred during their reign and discuss how that affected life for them. **If you have any artefacts from these time periods please do bring them in as we are keen to make this a hands-on learning experience!**

You can help at home by discussing Queen Elizabeth II. What does being a queen mean? What job did she do?



### D.T.

Aim: To create a vegetable salad fit for a Queen!

This half term the children will be following a recipe and using their skills to cut and prepare a vegetable salad. Children will learn about the different food groups and what we need to eat to keep our bodies healthy.

You can help at home by giving them the opportunity to help you prepare lunch/ dinner. Discuss safety in the kitchen.

### R.E.

Aim: To understand why Easter matters to Christians.

The children will be learning how Christians celebrate Easter and learn about the Easter story. They will talk about how Christians feel and ask questions about whether the story of Easter has anything to say about sadness and hope.

You can help at home by sharing the Easter story with your child.

### Music

Aim: To explore and understand the musical element of timbre and use within their own music making.

This term the children will listen to 'The Old Castle' from 'Pictures at an Exhibition' by Mussorgsky. They will learn about timbre - the types of musical sounds that instruments make and explore how to choose and use different timbres to create effects within their own music making.

### PSHE

Aim: To understand why personal hygiene is important and recognise how some diseases spread and can be controlled.

Our focus this term is about caring for ourselves, we will learn about how to keep germs from spreading. We will also talk about things that are fair and unfair. Our 'Heartsmart' learning will also continue and we will think about how to deal with tricky emotions.

You can support this at home by discussing how different things make us feel.

### Home Learning

Thank you so much for all you do with your children at home. We appreciate how challenging it can be to juggle work and home work so thank you for your perseverance. Below is outlined the homework expectations in Year 1.

Daily reading of the RWI paper book.

Daily Doodle Maths (5 a day).

**If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or email: [Year1and2@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Year1and2@whitchurch.hants.sch.uk)**

**Thank you for your support.**

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