

Curriculum Update

Values: Compassion and Simplicity

Year 2

This half term, Year 2 started their new theme called 'Royal Patrons.' Our theme looks at the lives and achievements of Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria.

History

As historians, we have been learning about changes over time. We have learnt about how we have changed and noticing how we have grown. We have mapped our changes on a simple timeline of our lives so far. Following this, we have begun looking at significant events that happened in the lives of the two queens we are learning about and plotted these events onto timelines too. We are beginning to show an understanding of events 'beyond our living memory' and events 'within our living memory'.

Science

As scientists this term, we have been learning about materials. We have consolidated our understanding of different types of everyday materials and used this to begin to understand the properties of materials using adjectives to describe them. We have also begun to think about why materials are suited for the jobs that they have been given e.g A table is made from wood because it is strong and durable.

Home learning

- Reading daily – 5 – 10 minutes. Your children will bring home two books with them. One to support them with their learning of reading and the other as an opportunity to share with an adult or to enjoy looking at independently.
- Phonics shed – All children now have a log in to Phonics Shed. This supports the children with the sounds we learn in school and consolidates their learning. We ask for 10 mins daily to help this.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we have begun looking at addition and subtraction. We have started to apply our learning of number bonds to 10 and 20 from Year 1 to help us find bonds to 100. We are also using our understanding of tens and ones to also help us do this.

This week, we have been looking at related facts and using our bonds to 10 to help us add one digit numbers.

Writing

As writers, we have applied our understanding of adjectives to write a description of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation. We gathered ideas from different sources of information to understand what it may have been like and what happened on the day.

As part of our grammar lessons we have been learning about different types of nouns and use the '-er' ending to change verbs to nouns. This has also helped us to understand when we use capital letters other than at the start of a sentence.

REMINDERS

- Please ensure reading books are brought in daily.
- Can I ask that ALL items of clothing are labelled so they are easily returned to owners if they have been mislaid.

Dates for the diary

- 1st December – Year 2 Forest
- 2nd December – non-school uniform
- 3rd December – Christmas Fair
- 5th -9th December – Reindeer Runs
- 6th December – Hereford Museum visiting Year 2
- 14th December – Christmas Dinner
- 15th December – Christmas evening celebration in the church.