



## Chestnut Class

### Autumn Term 2: Magnificent Monarchs

I hope that you had a wonderful half term break and are excited about returning to school.

The **topic** for this term is Magnificent Monarchs; year 2 will look at the monarchy in the United Kingdom from Alfred the Great in AD 871 to our current Queen, Elizabeth II. The children will dive into historical enquiries by looking closely at pictures, Hampton Court and the Bayeux Tapestry. We will be able to look closely at William the Conqueror and Queen Victoria; focusing on their significant achievements in shaping British history.

This topic will bring life to our writing. This term in **English** we will look at information leaflets, fact files, comic strips and kennings poems. We will study lots of excellent texts and writing to help structure our work.

We want to develop a love for **reading** and there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to read books throughout the day. At home please spend time enjoying a book with your child, a few minutes of reading a day soon adds up to an hour of reading. We are not able to send reading books home. You can access free e-books on: [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and you may be able to get books from the local libraries. We will endeavour to hear your child read during school as much as we can.

**Spellings** are set weekly on Monday and tested on Fridays. We want children to learn their spellings and use them in their writing. The spelling test will include a few spellings from previous weeks, just to ensure that they are retaining the words.

The **phonics screening test** will be happening this half term. The children have been working hard on their phonics and are very use to the real and nonsense words. I will carry out the test with each individual child; it will be under test conditions but carried out in a familiar encouraging environment.

Our **Maths** lessons will look at 2D and 3D shapes this half term. We will also continue to consolidate addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. Lots of practical work helps to reinforce understanding.

**Science** lessons will continue looking at life cycles of mini beasts. There will be much exploring, questioning and reasoning taking place.

Our **PE** lessons continue on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. **Please ensure that your child comes into school in their PE kit on those days**. Any ear-rings must be taken out or covered for the lessons and hair is to be tied up with a plain band. This half term we will try out all the activities on the infant agility course. As part of the sport schools partnership with West

Sussex we are going to learn a class dance. We will record our performance and have the opportunity to watch the other classes on screen.

During **art** we will look at Tudor portraits and use our observational skills to draw and paint our own. Our **RE** lessons will look at the big question: What is the Good News that Jesus Brings? It will give the class a chance to ask questions and explore stories in the bible.

We want your children to feel happy, safe and excited about coming to school to learn. Regular updates from the school will help you feel involved in your child's learning. Please remember to send your child in with a coat, water bottle and lunchbox (if needed). A piece of fruit will be provided for their morning snack but if they want to bring their own, then please make sure that it is in a small named container. Please remember that no toys, drawings or stationery is to be brought into school. Regular hand washing throughout the day will happen along with thorough cleaning of tables, surfaces, equipment and door handles.

**Homework** will be coming home soon. There will be weekly spellings and topic work. A choice of activities based on the topic will be given, this can be completed throughout the second Autumn Term. Please ensure that any written work is completed in pencil. The topic work will be sent out via Parentmail and a copy will also be stuck in their homework book. You can either send the topic homework in electronically through seesaw or do the work in the homework book – whatever is easier for you. The homework needs to be completed by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. The homework books are only to be brought in on Friday 11th, with all the work completed. I can then leave the books over the weekend before marking them, thank you.

If you have any concerns about your child, please remember to speak to me, currently it is best to contact me via email. Many thanks for all your support.

Mrs Collins