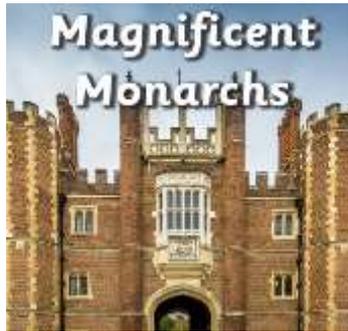


## Chestnut Class - Autumn Term 2



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

Our topic this half term has a history bias and is called Magnificent Monarchs.

*This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research the most significant sovereigns.*



This topic will bring life to our writing. 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 will check reading record books on a Monday and Friday. Books will be sent home on these days. Your child will bring home a book that they are comfortable to read, this enables them to feel confident about reading and increase their fluency. They may be reading a higher level in school, with myself. You can access free e-books on: [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) or visit your local library.

**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 spellings to be learnt this half term can be seen in the table below. The spelling patterns are taught in school along with all of the words. This gives every child the opportunity to access a whole variety of vocabulary.

Spellings to learn this half term are:

| Week 1       | Week 2         | Week 3          | Week 4        | Week 5         | Week 6       | Week 7      |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| <i>cry</i>   | <i>flies</i>   | <i>copied</i>   | <i>hiking</i> | <i>patting</i> | <i>wild</i>  | <i>old</i>  |
| <i>dry</i>   | <i>tries</i>   | <i>copier</i>   | <i>hiked</i>  | <i>hummed</i>  | <i>climb</i> | <i>cold</i> |
| <i>fly</i>   | <i>replies</i> | <i>cried</i>    | <i>hiker</i>  | <i>dropped</i> | <i>most</i>  | <i>gold</i> |
| <i>try</i>   | <i>copies</i>  | <i>happiest</i> | <i>nicest</i> | <i>runner</i>  | <i>only</i>  | <i>hold</i> |
| <i>reply</i> | <i>babies</i>  | <i>replied</i>  | <i>shiny</i>  | <i>runny</i>   | <i>both</i>  | <i>told</i> |

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.

Our **Maths** lessons will continue to consolidate addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. Lots of practical work will help to reinforce understanding. We will also work with money; begin to recognise coins and notes, count, compare and find totals.

Mrs Morgan will continue with the **Science** lessons looking at life cycles of mini beasts. There will be much exploring, questioning and investigations.

Our **PE** lessons continue on **Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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 continue with the Real PE scheme and try out some multi skills.

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.

Our **geography** lessons will explore the royal residences, identifying the locations of them around the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The **PSHCE** (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship & Economic Education) lessons will be centred around friendships and Advent. Children in Need and United Against Bullying will also be a key feature in our lessons.

We will have a few **French** lessons to help the children get to know numbers up to 20.

When your children are in school, please remember to send them in with a coat, water bottle and lunchbox (if needed). Please remember that no items from home e.g toys are to be brought into school. Regular hand washing throughout the day will continue along with thorough cleaning of tables, surfaces, equipment and door handles.

We are very fortunate to have Miss Assinder with us until Christmas. Miss Assinder is a student teacher and is working in Chestnut class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



These are the exciting **home learning topic activities** for Chestnut Class for this half term.

The children should challenge themselves and complete two out of the eight tasks below. 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 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

Many thanks for all your support!

From The Chestnut Class Team

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| Write <b>facts</b> on Buckingham Palace.<br>You can also draw the Palace. | If you were a King or Queen for a day, <b>what would you do?</b> |
| <b>Make a cake</b> fit for the Queen.                                     | <b>Design</b> a new outfit for a King or Queen.                  |
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| Find interesting <b>facts</b> about a British King or Queen of your choice. | Kings and Queens have royal coats of arms.<br><b>Design</b> one for your family. |
| <b>Paint or draw</b> a portrait of a British King or Queen.                 | <b>Make</b> a crown fit for the Queen.   |

**Useful Websites:**

BBC Bitesize – Famous monarchs - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkrkscw>

The home of the Royal Family- <https://www.royal.uk/>

Tudor Homes of the Rich – Primary Homework Help -  
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/houses/tudors/rich.htm>

Preparing a Tudor banquet – BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zjbg9j6>