

# Dragonflies Newsletter Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Dragonflies class! I hope that you have all had a restful but enjoyable break for Christmas. We are excited to welcome back the children for a fantastic term of learning.

This term our topic will be **Kings and Queens**. We will be learning about Early, Medieval and Modern Kings and Queens, such as Alfred the Great, Edward the Confessor, William the Conqueror, King John, Queen Anne and Elizabeth II; recognising how they have influenced life today and the significance of their reigns. We will also be using this learning opportunity of Kings and Queens to learn about building over time including Castles and Palaces. Our topic provides the children with cross-curricular learning, with opportunities to write their own traditional narrative, a recount of a day in the life of a Monarch and an opportunity to write a biography about a chosen British Monarch.

PE lessons will be every Monday and Thursday afternoon during Spring 1, however after February half term the children will begin swimming lessons at Lord Butler on a Tuesday morning. Another email will follow nearer the time of P.E days as their P.E lesson has not been finalised yet.

**Homework grids** will also be sent home, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks, or spend longer completing a bigger task over a series of weeks. There are no rules on how many tasks are to be completed but there will be rewards for those children who engage in them! The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks, which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the last Thursday and Friday afternoon before each half. Please bring in your homework on these dates.

Children were given a homework planner/reading diary at the beginning of September to record their homework and reading each day.

**Each week the expectations are to:**

- Read at least 4 times a week
- Login to Times Tables Rockstars for at least 5 minutes three times a week.

As a parent/carers, we ask that you record the homework completed. In the homework diary, write down the reading that they have done on the right hand side of the page and record which days they completed TT Rockstars on the left hand side, along with your signature. We will check the diaries every Friday and if they have completed the above they will get extra break time.

On a final note, I would like to emphasise how important it is for your child to be accessing TT Rockstars and practising as much as possible, as well as reading at home for pleasure. If you need an update of your child's TTRS login details, please let me know. Now that we are halfway through our multiplication and division topic, it is crucial for your child to be logging in to TTRS at home in order to practice these skills consistently.

The following page shows the different learning that will take place over the Spring Term.

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	Spring 1	Spring 2
English	Structured Poem Traditional Narrative Canterbury Tales – Sarah Courtauld	Recount Information Text (Biography) Kings and Queens – Tony Robinson
Maths	Multiplication & Division Statistics	Measurement Fractions
Science	Living Things & their Habitats	Plants
RE	Judaism Christianity Islam	
Computing	Data & Information: Pictograms	Programming
PSHE	Keeping Myself Safe	Rights & Responsibilities
DT		Bayeaux Tapestry
Art	Drawing Royal Portraits	
History	Kings and Queens	
Geography		Buildings over time/Castles and Palaces
PE	Gymnastics Dance	Swimming Fitness/Target Games

All of the Knowledge Organisers for the topics above will be sent home to you. This will give you a comprehensive outline of what is covered throughout each unit and enable you to support learning from home.

I look forward to exploring and learning this term with your children; any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards,  
Miss McPherson