



Dragonflies Newsletter Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Dragonflies Class! I hope you have all have a fantastic Christmas break and a good rest, and I am looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and into the start of Spring Term.

As you should now be aware, Miss Douglas is now the lead teacher for Dragonflies Class, and so shall be with the children Monday-Friday from the start of this term onwards. I'm really looking forward to spending more time with the class, and have lots of engaging learning opportunities already planned to help get them excited about our new topic – Kings and Queens. Mrs Auty will cover the class on Friday mornings, and is thrilled to be able to keep helping the children progress to their full potential.

PE lessons this term will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon (please come into school wearing PE kit).

Our topic this term is Kings and Queens, where we shall be delving back into Britain's past to discover some of the colorful characters and magnificent monarchs of the last 2,000 years. We will learn about the Saxon king Alfred the Great, medieval rulers William the Conqueror and King John, how Queen Anne became the first ruler to unite Scotland and England, and right up to the modern-day monarchy. We will look at how buildings have changed over time in Britain, from medieval castles to modern skyscrapers and how both the rich and poor have lived in the past. In our reading and writing we will explore how stories have been used to pass down tales from ancient times, and imagine what it would be like to be king or queen for a day.

The children will be expected to read daily at home, and have all been provided with a new reading folder and reading record to track this. They currently have two books to take home with them to practice their reading skills, which will be changed regularly once they have shown both fluency and comprehension for the text.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday for the children to take home and practice at home over the week, with a spelling test the following Friday in class. They will have time to practice their spellings in class, but please ensure they spend some time learning them at home as well.

Homework grids – yes, they actually exist this time! These will be sent home in a homework book, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks, or spend longer completing a bigger task. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do engage in them. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the 10th/11th of February, and the 31st March/1st April . Please bring in your homework on these dates.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,



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Kings and Queens



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Reading	Kings and Queens – Tony Robinson Children’s Classics Kings and Queens Poetry Mothers	Canterbury Tales – Sarah Coutald & Susanna Davidson Castles Habitats Rights and Responsibilities
English - writing	Structured Poetry Villanelles Traditional Narrative Medieval Fairy Tales	Recount A Day in the Life of a Monarch Narrative Historical - Canterbury Tales
Maths	Shapes Money Multiplication and Division	Multiplication and Division Length and Height Mass, Capacity and Temperature
Science	Living Things and their Habitats Animal Survival	Living Things and their Habitats Plants
RE	Judaism How do Jewish people celebrate the Passover (Pesach)?	Christianity, Islam How do different religions belong to their faith family?
Computing	Data and Information - Pictograms	Programming Events and Actions – Medieval Scene
PSHE	Keeping Myself Safe	My Rights and Responsibilities
DT		Textiles Templates and Joining Techniques – Bayeaux Tapestry
Art	Drawing Royal Portraits Kehinde Wiley: Modern Portrait Artist Yayoi Kusuma: Pointillism Self Portrait	
History	Kings and Queens	
Geography		Buildings Across Time
PE	Invasion Games Dance	Fitness Target Games
Music	Exploring Feelings Through Music	Inventing A Musical Story