

TERMS 3 & 4 - 2025-2026 - Magnificent Monarchs

Year 2

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In Terms 3 and 4 we will be exploring 'Magnificent Monarchs' as our topic. In this topic, your child will learn 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 will build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns: Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II. Finally, they will decide which of the sovereigns that they have studied is the most significant and why.



English

In English this term, we will first complete our fiction writing about Julius Brenchley. We will then move on to writing an information leaflet about Leeds Castle, based on our visit. We will have the chance to develop our poetry skills further, learning about Kenning poems and writing our own using compound nouns. Our class library day will be on a **Friday** from the start of January.

Maths

In Maths, children will continue the second Addition and Subtraction unit, with a focus on using these skills with two-digit numbers up to 100. We will then learn properties of 2D and 3D shapes and how to describe them. Later in the term, they will learn about money and how to count change.

Science

In Science, we will continue our 'Human Survival' topic, before moving on to 'Animal Survival'. In this topic, pupils will learn about growth in animals by exploring the life cycles of some familiar animals. This will build on our learning about the survival of humans by identifying the basic needs of animals for survival, including food, water, air and shelter.

Topic Day and Educational Visit

Our educational visit in Term 3 will be to Leeds Castle to further our understanding of the English and British monarchy and to gain some first hand experience of a royal residence to help write an information leaflet. We will have a topic day in Term 4 linked to our DT project, 'Cut, Stitch, Join'. This project teaches children about fabric home products and the significant British brand, Cath Kidston. They will learn about sewing patterns, and use a running stitch and embellishments to make a small coin purse.

Homework

- Please ensure that you read with your child at least 5 times a week. This is a vital part of your child's education and will enable them to gain the necessary skills needed to access their learning throughout the curriculum.
- Please complete all of the ASPIRE homework, some of which is linked to the Duke Awards. It is a good idea to choose which sections your child will complete each week so that it can be finished and returned to school by the end of term. New homework is sent out at the beginning of each term.
- Practise spellings and times tables regularly as this will help to develop your child's fluency in both reading, writing and mathematics.

Uniform and P.E. Kit

Children have P.E. lessons on a **Tuesday and Thursday** each week and need to wear their P.E. kit on these days. Please ensure all items of clothing are very clearly named.

