



Shelfton Infant School

Classes 5, 6 & 7
Curriculum Newsletter
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Our topic is: Kings and Queens

English This half term the children will be learning the story of Rumpelstiltskin and write a character description of this mischievous character! They will also be using their investigative skills to research the lives of Queen Victoria and King Henry VIII and learning how to write a fact file. We will be encouraging the children to use new and exciting vocabulary, a range of conjunctions and adverbs to make their writing more interesting for the reader.

Maths In Maths we will continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10's and introduce counting in 3's. The children will learn how to solve multiplication calculations using a range of methods, which include times table recall, skip counting and arrays. We will also be learning how to divide and continue to solve addition and subtraction calculations. We will be learning about fractions; finding halves, quarters and thirds of numbers. We will be learning how to use the inverse of addition and subtraction to solve missing number problems. The children will also take part in practical money activities where they need to solve adding and subtraction problems including giving change.

History We will be learning about different monarchs and learning what life was like in the past for the royal subjects. We will be comparing monarchs and discussing what makes a good monarch. We will be making a timeline of monarchs and include other key events such as The Gunpowder Plot.

Geography This term we will be researching the geographical similarities and differences of countries from the Commonwealth.

Art and Design Technology This term we will be learning about the sculptor Claes Oldenburg and the children will be making super sized sculptures.

PSHE This term we will be learning about dental hygiene and which sugary drinks we should avoid. We will also learn what a healthy balanced diet is and design a school lunchtime Grab Bag. We will be discussing the importance of exercise and designing a class workout video!

RE This term we will be learning about what makes some places sacred and looking at the features of special places. We will also be finding out what can we learn from sacred books.

Science Linking with our learning in PSHE, we will conducting an experiment to test the effects of sugary drinks on our teeth. We will be using our observational skills, making predictions and drawing conclusions from our results.

PE The children will learn how to copy, repeat and explore simple movements with increasing coordination and control. They will link multiple, simple actions to create movement patterns and perform their created work for an audience.

Helping your child at home.

- Read regularly with your child, we recommend 4 times a week.
- Ask them comprehension questions which encourage them to re-read different parts of the text or book. If you would like ideas of comprehension style questions, please see the class teacher.
- Please encourage your child to become more independent in completing their homework.
- Practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Research monarchs together at home.

Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget -