

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Autumn 1 2025

Year Two

This half term our theme is...



Monarchs



Welcome to Year Two! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to beginning the Autumn term. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try, to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?

This half term, we will be learning all about famous monarchs throughout British history. We will focus on King Charles III, Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II and William I (William the Conqueror). We will aim to answer the Enquiry Question: Where did Kings and Queens live through time?

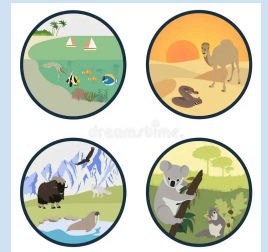
In Science, we will be focusing on living things and their habitats. We will look at the differences between things that are living, dead and have never been alive, thinking about the habitats that living things survive in as well as learning about animal food chains.



Our focus in Computing will be Digital Citizenship, providing children with the knowledge and skills required to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly, expanding their understanding of the ethical and societal implications of digital technology.

In RE, we will be thinking about 'light' and why this is an important symbol for all people of different faiths.

As part of our No Outsiders programme Year 2 will be looking at **Amazing** by Steve Antony. The learning intention is to think about being a good friend. This looks at what a friend is and how to be a good friend.



In PE this half term, we will be focusing on ball skills and fundamentals. These lessons will be on a **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (no high top trainers) and remove any earrings. Long hair also needs to be tied back.



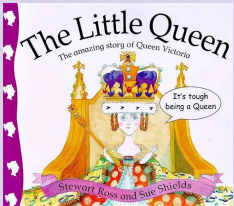
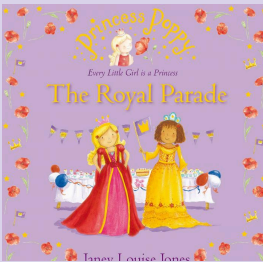
Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This half term we will visit Kendal Park. Whilst there we will collect the resources we need to help us create our land art sculptures in Art.

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, please make sure you read together **at least 5 times a week**. Once your child has read their Accelerated Reader book, they are expected to complete the quiz online. They can do this at home by clicking on the AR link on our Children's Hub. There will be Spellings handed out each week. On alternative weeks, Maths and Reading Comprehension activities will be given using CPG homework booklets. Your child also has access to Times Tables Rockstars, Nessy maths and Sumdog, which they can access and use to practise their maths! They can also use Nessy English, which will really help their literacy skills to develop.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning:

<u>Things to do:</u>	<u>Books to read:</u>	<u>Things to watch:</u>
<p>Research some famous Kings and Queens from the past and write a fact file for your favourite one!</p>  <p>Create a timeline of the famous Kings and Queens from throughout history.</p> <p>Do some research about our current monarch.</p>  <p>Make a family tree for King Charles III. Who were his</p>	<p>Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?</p> <p>The amazing story of Queen Victoria by Stewart Ross</p>  <p>Princess Poppy: The Royal Parade. By Janey Louise Jones</p> 	<p>Learn about these famous Queens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Queen Elizabeth I? • Queen Elizabeth II • Who was Queen Victoria? <p>Find out about other monarchs and leaders in History.</p> <p>Monarchs and Leaders</p>

parents? What children does he have?

Talk to some of your family members about Queen Elizabeth II. Did any of them celebrate a jubilee? What can they remember about it?

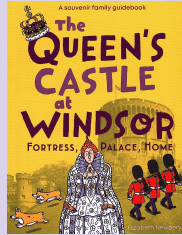
Visit Windsor Castle and use the suggested book to enhance your experience.

Take a trip to London and visit Buckingham Palace or the Tower of London.



The Queen's castle at Windsor by Elizabeth Newbery.

This is the official guide to Windsor castle. It contains fun activities.



The Queen by Richard Brassey

This eye-catching book provides an insight into the life of the woman who was our longest-reigning monarch in the now-classic Richard Brassey style with fun facts, hilarious anecdotes and fascinating info!

