

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Autumn 1 2026

Year Two

This half term our theme is...



Monarchs

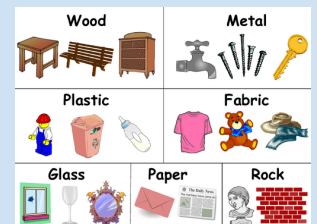


Welcome to Year Two! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to beginning the Autumn term. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming 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 uses of everyday materials.



Our focus in Computing will be online safety, learning how to stay safe online. 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 how amazing we are using a book by Steve Anthony -amazing. This looks at children being able to understand ways they are all amazing in a different way and know that their class is welcoming and being a part of that.

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on ball skills and fundamentals. These lessons will be on a **Monday** for Seal and Dolphin and **Tuesday** for Lion. 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.

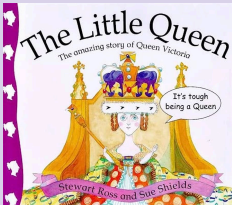
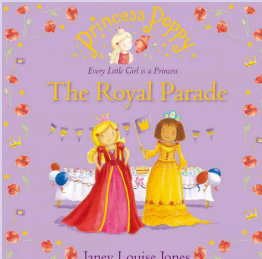
Trips, Visitors and Experiences

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. 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 and Sumdog which they can access and use to practise their maths!

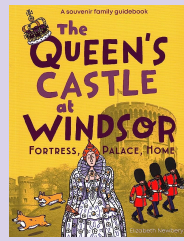
In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning:

<u>Things to do:</u>	<u>Books to read:</u>	<u>Things to watch:</u>
Research some famous Kings and Queens from the past and write a fact file for your favourite one!  Create a timeline of the famous Kings and Queens from throughout history. Do some research about our current monarch.  Make a family tree for King Charles III. Who were his parents? What children does he have? Talk to some of your family members about Queen Elizabeth II. Did any of them	Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme? The amazing story of Queen Victoria by Stewart Ross  Princess Poppy: The Royal Parade. By Janey Louise Jones  The Queen's castle at Windsor by Elizabeth Newbery. This is the official guide to Windsor castle. It contains fun activities.	Learn about these famous Queens: • Who was Queen Elizabeth I? • Queen Elizabeth II • Who was Queen Victoria? Find out about other monarchs and leaders in History. Monarchs and Leaders

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 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!

