

Castles, Crowns and Coronations.



Hedgehogs Spring Term 2025

More about our topic...

This term in Hedgehogs we will be looking at castles, crowns and coronations. This is an incredibly exciting topic and we aim to make it a memorable one! We will be looking at different features of castles as well as focussing on different kings and queens from throughout history! We will be studying the Henry VIII as well as looking at more modern leaders of our country like Queen Elizabeth II. Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in some exciting activities, and we are looking forward to this new adventure!

Pupils will extend their historical knowledge and will be able to talk about the different features of a castle as well as what the crown jewels are and where they can be found. We will read a selection of topic-based books, starting with the 'Boy who would be King', by Michael Morpurgo, which is a fantastic class book that the children will all enjoy.



Make sure you continue to keep an eye on our web pages to see the amazing learning taking place!

English

In English, Yr1 children will be continuing to develop on their written skills and their ability to write for different purposes through our topic. Some of the exciting writing opportunities this term includes examining and understanding riddles, creating an invitation, fairy tales and writing a recount.

Our EYFS children continue on their phonics journey and will be introduced to writing simple words for labels, captions, and working towards writing simple sentences.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will lie at the heart of our English curriculum. Children will be involved in comprehension, using a wide range of texts, linked to topic. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature. Children are actively encouraged to continue reading at home. Don't forget to use our wonderful local libraries – the books are free to borrow!



Opportunities within all areas of the curriculum will be made available for children to develop their spoken language through discussion and drama.

Maths will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. For Yr 1 teaching will enable children to become fluent in arithmetic as well as being able to reason and problem solve. Maths lessons will cover all aspects including, understanding number, using all four operations, measurement, geometry, and statistics. Pupils will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved. Next term we will be focussing on money, multiplication and division, length and height, and mass, capacity, and temperature. For our EYFS children they will be focusing on developing a deep understanding of numbers beyond 5 up to 10. We will begin to look at comparing these numbers and investigating different ways that we can make 10. We will start to look at mass, length, capacity and time and begin to compare these using every day and simple mathematical language. We will extend our knowledge of shape to begin to investigate 3D shapes. We will continue to investigate and explore patterns.

Take home task to support work in school

To prepare for our new topic, it would be brilliant if the children could begin to research any kings or queens they may recognise.

Children can present their findings through a way of their choice. It could be a drawing of the king or queen they know or writing some sentences about them. This will be a great help when we come to start our castles, crowns and coronations topic in January!