



# Shilton Infant School

## Classes 5, 6 & 7

### Curriculum Newsletter

#### February 2018 - Spring 2



*Our topic is: Kings and Queens and marvellous me!*

**English** - We will be studying the monarchs of England and traditional tales. We will write fact files on famous kings and queens and delve into the world of traditional tales to support both reading and writing skills across the year groups. The Year 2 children will be working on the past and present tense, and using a growing range of conjunctions (joining words). In Year 1 we will focus on accurate grammar, punctuation and adding detail to our sentences. All children will be encouraged to check their writing and make changes if needed - a key skill moving forwards!

**Maths** - In Year 2 Maths we will learn about the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction, solving missing number problems, identifying fractions ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), recall multiplication and division facts (2, 5 and 10 times tables), using different combinations of coins to make the same amount, read a clock and tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes, reads scales to measure mass, temperature and capacity and compare and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue to work on number fluency in our daily number time lessons. This will involve learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, counting in 3s (forwards and backwards), refining our mental arithmetic skills (add and subtract) and partitioning numbers.

Year 1 maths will focus on measuring and recording time and mass, and solving related problems, continuing our work on addition and subtraction, with a greater focus on problem solving and reasoning, fraction work, missing number sums and money problems. Year 1's number time session will focus on number bonds, counting in 2s and writing numbers as words.

**Science** - We are investigating the human body. In year 2 the children will discover all about the internal organs whereas the year 1 children will be investigating external body parts. Both year groups will consider the impact of a healthy lifestyle on their bodies. Using the kings and queens topic as a stimulus we will compare modern lifestyles with those of our ancestors!

**Art** - In Art the children will study portraits and create their own interpretations of portraits of some of our most famous monarchs.

**History** - We will study the lives of some of our most famous Kings and Queens, creating fact files, portraits and learning about how life in different eras compares with our own, modern lives.

**RE** - The year 2 children will study saints while the Year 1 children will learn about the Easter story.

**Computing** - We will be using the computers in the classroom and the tablets to support our learning via games and activities on websites including Discovery Coding, Topmarks, Busy Things and Phonics Play.

The children will also use Paint software to create portraits, type sentences and learn how to save and retrieve their work.

**PE and School Sport** - The children will resume their Active Schools programme and restart the "Daily Dash" to raise fitness and energy levels and promote a healthy lifestyle both in and out of school. Our Science lessons will support the children's understanding of how to lead a healthy lifestyle and why this is important. This will be in addition to our regular PE sessions which will continue to focus on gymnastics this term, with children creating sequences of gymnastic actions to perform, evaluate and refine.

**Forest Schools** The children in class 5 will be taking part in our weekly Forest Schools sessions, working alongside Tim Cremmin (Forest Schools Leader).

#### **Helping your child at home.**

Fluency in reading is a key skill and regular reading at home is a crucial part of this. Please try to read with your child regularly to support the reading we do in school. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in by Monday morning. Year 2 children should practise their times tables and have rapid recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In Year 1 practise recall of number bonds to 20 (pairs of numbers that add up to 20), counting backwards (including in steps of 2 and 10), telling the time (o'clock and half past) and recognising and understanding the value of coins and notes.

*Have fun!*

*Aim high!*

*Achieve well!*

# *Dates and events in school this half term*

**Don't forget -**