

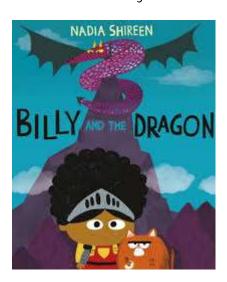
Year One Newsletter Week Beginning: 24th February 2025 Topic: Crowns and Castles End of Topic Question: Who was England's most significant queen?



What's Happening Next Week:

English

This week the children will be learning the story of 'Billy and the Dragon'.



They children will learn about the main characters and will then create their own 'sidekick' character before retelling the story using their new character.

How You Can Help at Home:

You could help your children at home by reding their favourite story and asking them to change one of the characters.

Charlie could have taken his mum to the chocolate factory!



Maybe a hippopotamus came to tea!



Maybe Cinderella's step-mother was loving and kind!



Phonics

This week, we will be learning...
/ur/ or — like work
/oo/ u oul — like awful and could
/air/ are — like share

Enjoy your story making!

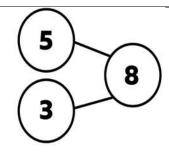
This week's new tricky words that you can practise at home are:

once and laugh

Maths - Subtraction

We'll continue to consolidate our learning around related facts and fact families using + and -.

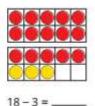
Over the holidays feel free to look at related facts within 10 to help with facts to 20 so if we know 8 - 3 = 5,



3 + 5 = 8	8 - 3 = 5
5 + 3 = 8	8 - 5 = 3
8 = 3 + 5	5 = 8 - 3
0 - 5 - 2	3 _ 0 5

we also know 18 - 3 = 15





<u>Science – Evergreen and Deciduous Trees</u>

This week we will be looking at evergreen and deciduous trees. The children will learn how to differentiate the two and the names of some types of each. We will draw an evergreen and deciduous tree in each of the 4 seasons.



Head out on a nature walk over half term, what can your child notice about the plants and trees they see? They could do some observational drawings if it's not too cold.



Design Technology – Judging an existing product

This term the children will be designing a sandwich fit for a king. To kick this off, the children will be looking at a selection of sandwiches and judging whether they would be fit for a banquet.

Do they look appealing?
Are they messy?
Are they healthy?
Would they be easy to eat?

Practise those sandwich making skills at home. Can your child design and make you a tasty and healthy sandwich?



<u>History – What is a monarch?</u>

We'll be finding out what a monarch is and introducing the three monarchs we'll be following through this unit - Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II.



You could research any of the queens we'll be looking at this half term, either on line or in a library. Your child could write down a few interesting facts and either bring them in or send in a picture through Dojo.



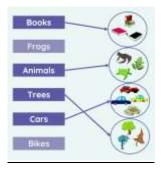
RE - Christianity and Belonging

Within RE this week we will be discussing what it means to belong to and worship within Christianity. We will also look at how people show that they belong and what is special for them about belonging to their Christian faith.



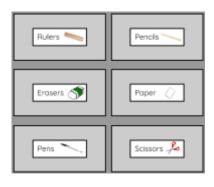
Computing

We will be learning that objects have many different labels that can be used to put them into groups. We will name different objects and begin to experiment with placing them into different groups.



You could create some labels for different toys or their stationery and encourage them to group their things appropriately.

This could even help disguise a tidy up session!



Have a lovely half term break. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 24th.

The Year 1 team 😉

