

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16



Owl's Class Newsletter

Summer 1



Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break, filled with sunshine, chocolate eggs and plenty of special moments.

As we hop into the summer term, excitement is in the air! This is always such a special time of year – the days are getting longer, the sun is making more appearances (fingers crossed!), and there's a real sense of energy as we dive into our final term together.

We have so much to look forward to: a new topic to explore, exciting learning opportunities, and a surprise or two! So let's dive in..

CURRICULUM

Our topic focus this half term is: History

What is a Monarch?

Maths
White Rose - Fractions
Fluent in 5
Cracking times tables



English

A Walk in London - Salvatore Rubino
Writing Outcomes: Instructions, persuasive poster, setting description, captions, post cards, diary entry

PE - Fitt4Kidds - Rounders & Athletics
Get Set for PE - Team Building



Main Writing outcome: A Walk in ...
Guidebook



Humanities - Kapow



History - What is a Monarch?

Art - Painting and Mixed Media



Science - Plant Growth



RE - What is most important to different people?



Computing - Stop Motion



PSHE - Citizenship



Music - Charanga - Friendship Song - Recorder

Love for Reading & VIPERS

The Great Fire of London - Emma Adams
The Dragon Machine - Helen ward



Timetable

This half term, we are continuing with our core subjects: **Maths, English, Phonics, and Science**. In addition, we will enjoy learning across the wider curriculum, including **History, Geography, PSHE, RE, Computing, Art and Music**.

Please note that PE will be taught in 2 separate sessions this half term; this subject will be delivered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Homework

A huge **well done** to all children who completed their homework activities last term. The effort and creativity was outstanding! The information collected for their animal non-chronological reports - was used to create information about a hybrid rhinoceros with excellent results.

New Year 2 **spellings** will be available weekly for spelling tests - **Fridays**.

Regular **Numbots practise is essential**, so that children are able to advance to Times Tables Rock Stars, which they are unable to do without getting to a certain level.

Reading

Please send **reading books** into school every **Monday and Friday**, so that they can be updated. Regular **AR tests** (at least 1 weekly) with a successful pass of 70 per cent or more, is ideal to ensure progress.

Equipment

We are now fully stocked with **glue sticks** - hooray! Please continue to ensure that your child only brings items that fit into their classroom tray (as lovely as they are, no giant teddy bears, please!)

Finally

The children are showing great maturity and enthusiasm as we head into the final part of Year 2 - it's going to be a fantastic summer term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Morys.

History – Knowledge Organiser

History - What is a monarch?

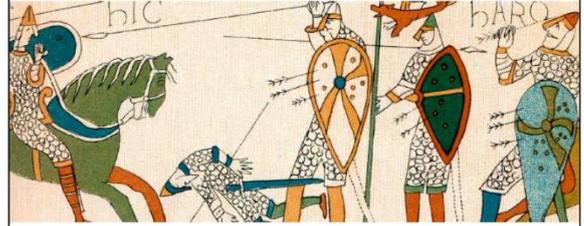
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Kapow

battle	A fight between two armies.
conquer	To take control of a country.
defend	To resist an attack
invade	To take over a country.
power	To have control.
ruler	The person in charge of a country or kingdom.
king*	A man who rules a country or area.
queen*	A woman who rules a country or area.
monarchy*	A country that has king or queen.

Bayeux tapestry



A long piece of decorated fabric that tells the story of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066.

King Charles III, 2022



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William the Conqueror, 1066



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Coronation



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A special religious ceremony where a new king or queen is crowned.

Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953.

*key vocabulary

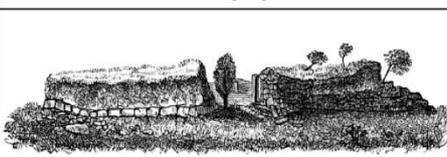
History - What is a monarch?

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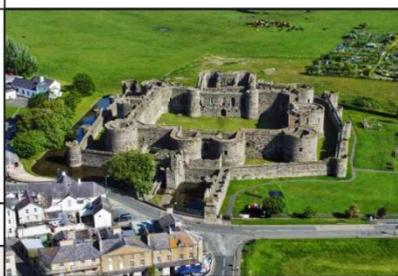


Kapow

Iron Age fort



Concentric castle

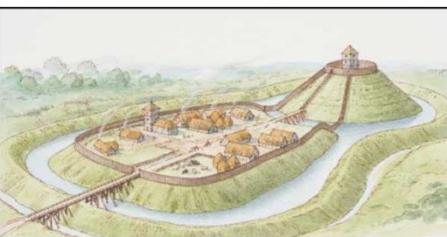


Fortified manor house

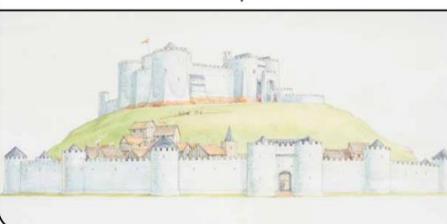


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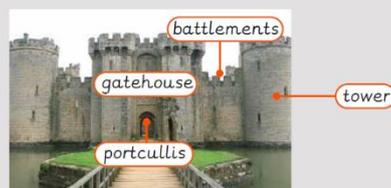
Motte and bailey castle



Stone keep castle



Parts of a castle



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Science – Knowledge Organiser



Science - Plant growth

leaves	They use light to make food for the plant.
roots	They take up water and nutrients from the soil.
flowers	They make seeds so new plants can grow.

- Seeds contain a store of **energy**.
- **Germination** is when a new plant starts to grow.
- A seed needs **water** and **warmth** to germinate.



What do plants need for healthy growth?



water

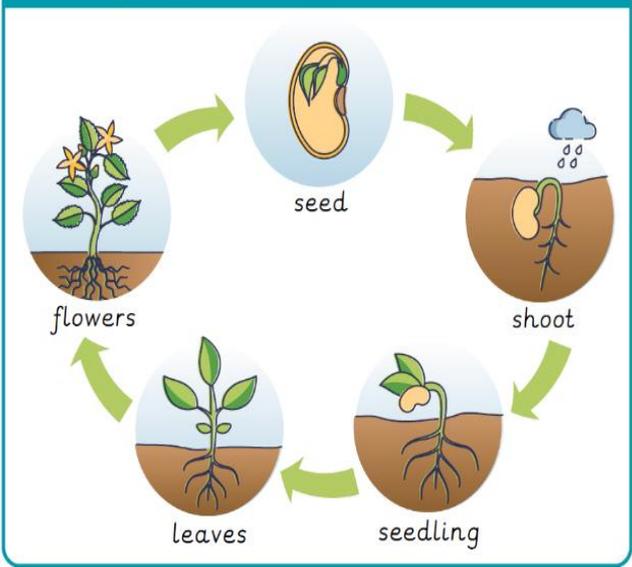


light



warmth

Plant life cycle

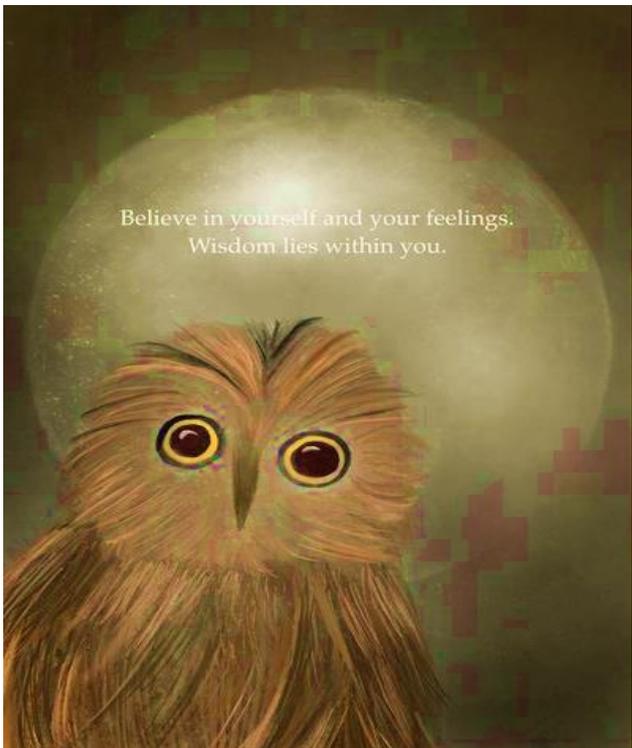


Bulbs

Rounded roots from which new plants can grow.



The **shoot** is the first green part of a plant to grow from a seed.



Challenge -

Can you complete enough Numbots to access Times Tables Rockstars?