



# Home Learning

## Summer 1 2026



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Year 2  
**What is a monarch?**

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### Unlocking the Learning

As part of our home learning, we would like the children to take part in one or more of our creative homework projects that link to this half term's learning. Our topic for this half term is 'What is a monarch?' a History based topic focusing on learning about what a monarch is and the important roles a King or Queen may have. We will learn about William the Conqueror and discover how castles changed over time.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to bring in, or email, their completed projects to us by Monday 18th May, so that they can share and celebrate each other's talents before the end of term. We would ask that this project reflects six weeks' worth of work, and demonstrates the children's own work, although we really appreciate your support in helping them complete their homework.

Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their home learning, or discuss ideas with them. Please just email us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.

<u>Get Writing</u>	<u>Get Researching</u>	<u>Get Creative</u>
<p><b><u>Character profile</u></b> Who was William the Conqueror? Why is he historically significant? What did he look like? What type of person was he? What is he famous for?</p>	<p><b><u>Library hunt</u></b> Find a book about monarchs or castles. Write a book review about it. Did you enjoy it?</p>	<p><b><u>Get creative</u></b> Make a model of a castle. Will you choose a motte and bailey castle, a stone keep castle or a concentric castle? What materials could you use around the home?</p>
<p><b><u>Become an author</u></b> Write a story about a King or Queen. Can you illustrate your story?</p>	<p><b><u>Visit a castle</u></b> Warwick Castle Tamworth Castle Kenilworth Castle &amp; Elizabethan Gardens Have a look on Google Maps for nearby castles!</p>	<p><b><u>Artists</u></b> Research artists who painted monarchs from the past or current. Could you paint a portrait of King Charles III or William the Conqueror?</p>
<p><b><u>Research</u></b> Research interesting facts about Castles in the UK. Which is the biggest? Which is the oldest? Which monarchs lived there? Who built it?</p>	<p><b><u>Act it out!</u></b> Can you reenact the Battle of Hastings? Dress up as a soldier and get friends and family involved to retell the story. Make sure you email it over to your class teacher!</p>	<p><b><u>Bayeux Tapestry</u></b> Can you copy a scene from the Bayeux tapestry by sketching and colouring. You could even get a kid's tapestry kit and have a go at learning a new skill!</p>

Author of the half term is Mini Grey.

As scientists the children will be learning about plants. What do plants need to stay healthy and how do seeds and bulbs grow. We will also observe plants in our local environment.

As writers we will be using the text Arthur and the Golden Rope. We will be writing our own versions of the story using descriptive vocabulary.

As mathematicians we will be consolidating our learning so far in Year 2. We will recap time, begin to explore 3-digit numbers, and practice methods to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also cover statistics and position and direction and length.

As historians, we will be finding out what a monarch is and the important roles a King or Queen may have. We will learn about William the Conqueror and discover how castles changed over time.

## Year 2 Summer 1 2026 What is a monarch?

In PE we have multi skills which are team games that combine lots of skills we have learned this year. It will be sports day soon too!

In music we will appraise, improvise and compose music using instruments. We will also look at how music makes us feel. Our song is 'I wanna play in a band.'

In RE we will discuss the question 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' We will think about all the important things he has done.

Using our computing skills we will be looking at how pictures are taken using different devices. How can we take a good picture and what factors impact or make a good photograph.

Important Information:  
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In PSHE & RSHE we will begin our next Jigsaw Journey. We will be learning about 'Relationships'. They will learn that friendships involve cooperation, appreciation and trust as well as identifying the people who can help them (their trusted adults) when they are worried or scared.

In Design & Technology we will be designing and making a chair for a monarch.

Remember to send your child into school in appropriate clothing for Forest Fun. PE kits should be in school to change into.