



# Year 1 Spring 2 Newsletter

## English

In English we will be writing a new verse for the poem Oi Frog. We will learn how to recognise and write rhyming words. We are learning new vocabulary from the book and writing these in to sentences. We are looking at different features of poems and the impact they have on the reader.

## Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be working with numbers up to 50. We will learn about the place value of the digits in the numbers. We will make the numbers using tens and ones (base ten equipment). We will also be placing the numbers on number lines and finding one more and one less.

We will move onto learning about length and measurement using centimetres as well as learning about capacity using the words full and empty.

## Important Dates

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Treat afternoon  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Sublime Science Workshop  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Kings and Queens Workshop  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photos  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief – dress in party clothes  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Book Look evening  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parents Evening  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Non-uniform – donate an Easter Egg  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – PTFA Easter Egg Bingo

## Wider Curriculum

**Science:** As scientists we will be learning about how human activity can have an impact (good and bad) on the Earth. We will know how humans use many of the Earth's natural resources. We will know about how the Earth is being polluted as well as how we can reduce this. We will look at recycling and how this can have a positive impact on the Earth.

**History:** As Historians we will learn about Kings, Queens and Leaders. Our lessons will focus on:  
-England has been ruled by Kings and Queens for a long time.  
• King Charles III is our current king.  
• King John was forced to sign the Magna Carta by the Barons.  
• Parliament was set up to make decisions for the country.  
• There was a time when there was no King of England.  
• Oliver Cromwell was called upon to rule the country and become the 'Lord Protector'.

**D&T:** As designers we will be following a recipe to make our own Jam Tarts. We will then evaluate the look and taste of our tarts!

**Art:** As artists we will be looking at different styles of art including Pointillism, Cubism and Realism. The artists we will focus on are Van Gogh, Georges Seurat and Paolo Uccello.

**Music:** As musicians we will be learning to listen! We will know that listening is very important. Children will learn how to listen with their eyes and ears and also feel sound in their bodies.

## Physical Education

In PE we will be focussing on Handball. We will practise our aiming skills to hit a target. We will learn how to do an overarm throw as well as building our team skills.

## RE

This half term, we will be thinking about the Easter story. We will learn what the Easter story is and be able to retell it. We will also learn about why it is so important to Christians and how it is celebrated.



KEY  
VOCABULARY

natural resources	materials we can use that are <b>from nature</b> , e.g., we can use wood from trees to make furniture
manufactured resources	materials we can use <b>that people make</b> , e.g., plastic
renewable resource	a resource that <b>doesn't run out</b> , e.g., wind energy
non-renewable resource	a resource that <b>will run out if we use it all</b> , e.g., coal
pollution	a substance that is <b>harmful to the environment</b> , e.g., spilling oil into the sea
environment	the <b>natural world</b> around us
conserve	to <b>protect something</b> from harm or destruction



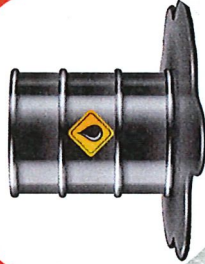
**recycle: to use something again, sometimes for a different purpose**

non-renewable



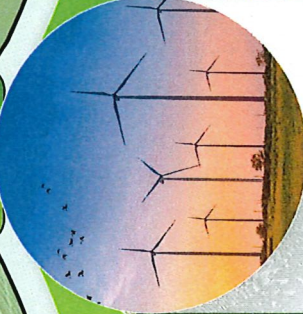
**coal** is a hard, black rock which can be burned, it is found deep under ground (it takes millions of years for coal to be made by the Earth)

non-renewable



**oil** is a thick, black liquid that is found deep under ground and can be used to make petrol (it takes millions of years to make oil)

renewable

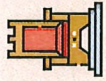


**wind** is air blowing from a particular direction, it can be used to turn turbines to make electricity

renewable



**water** is a liquid we all use to survive (sea water is salty, fresh water falls from the sky as rain)



KEY VOCABULARY

throne

sceptre

Majesty

reign

baron

the Magna Carta

civil war

coronation

royalty

a special chair for a king or queen, or another very important person

an ornamented (decorated) rod carried by rulers on special occasions

a royal person

the time/period that a person is in charge and rules over the country

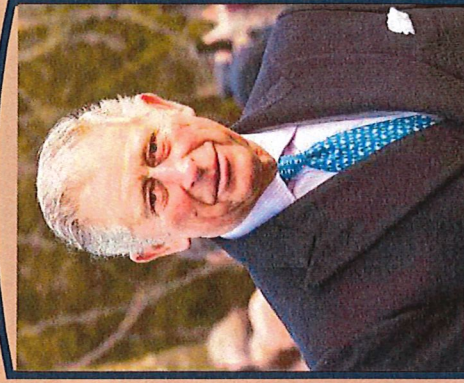
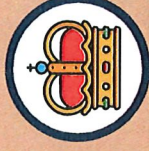
an important person who owns land

a written promise (charter) that was sealed by King John

a war between people who live in the same country

when a king or queen is given the crown

people who are kings or queens, or in the same family as the king/queen



## King Charles III



King John

sealed the Magna Carta in 1216



Henry III

was captured by Simon de Montfort who setup a parliament



Charles I

was executed in 1649



Oliver Cromwell

was the Lord Protector



Charles II

returned from hiding in France to be King of England in 1660



KEY  
VOCABULARY

style

technique

pointillism

brushstroke

narrative

character

setting

how a piece of art **looks**

the way in which an artist creates their work

art created **using lots of dots**

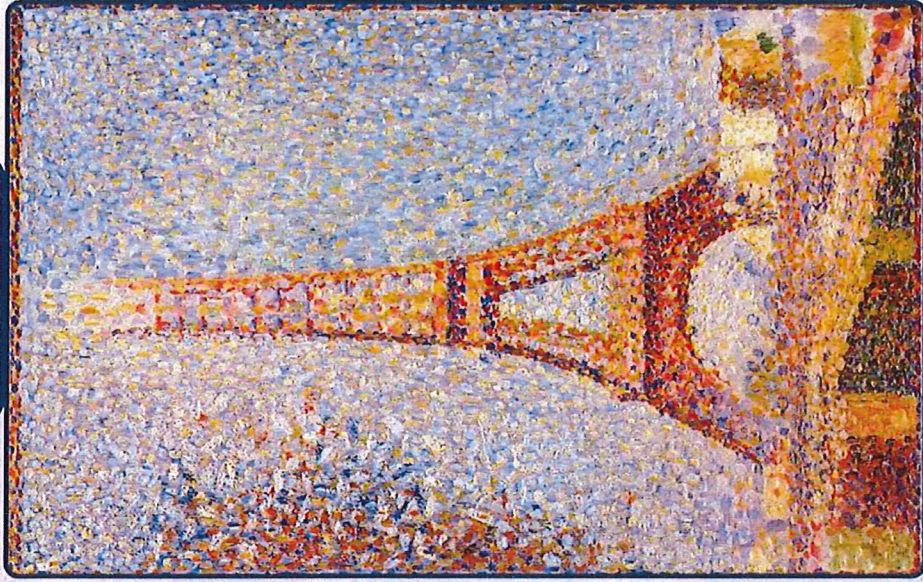
the mark made by a paintbrush

a piece of art that tells a **story with colour and lines**, instead of words

a **person or animal** in a piece of narrative art

the place where a story takes place

Georges Seurat



The Eiffel Tower (1889)

Van Gogh



The Starry Night (1889)

Paolo Uccello



St George and the Dragon (1470)