

Week Beginning: 12th January 2026

Our Spring Topic is... **Brave Hearts and Golden Crowns**

This week, we will be learning about...

Topic:

We will learn all about King Charles III and role play a coronation. We will use our observation skills and go on a walk around the school grounds looking out for signs of Winter and Spring.
The life skill we will focus on is: **I know what to do if I am stuck.**

Phonics:

We will learn to recognise the sounds oo (*zoom to the moon*), igh (*a light in the night*), oa (*soap that goat*), ar (*march in the dark*), or (*born with a horn*). Using familiar sounds, we will learn to orally segment and blend words that contain these new digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make one sound). The new tricky words we will learn are: was, you, they.

Maths:

This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out ‘how many’ objects there are. The children will also revisit the concept of cardinality – that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are altogether. They will continue to be provided with opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence.

How you could help your child at home:

- Read with your child at least 3x a week.
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt this week. Use the flash cards to make CVVC and CCVVC words.
- Ask your child to build towers from blocks (e.g. lego) or interlocking cubes to match to numeral cards (1-5). Can you put them in order? Which tower comes first? What do you notice? Where can you see the ‘1 more’?
- Can you spot signs of winter on your way to school?

Reminders:

- **Greenland Forest School:** Don't forget to bring in a bag for the children's forest school clothing which may be wet or muddy. Please put a pair of school shoes in their bag so they can wear these after the forest school session.
- **Phase 3 EYFS Phonics Breakfast - Wednesday 14th January 8.20am:** Sign up on the app and come along to find out what is next in phonics.
- **Show and Tell Groups on Friday 16th January – Squirrels (Lapland) and Eagles (Greenland)**

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