



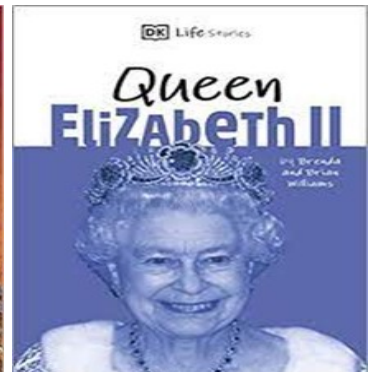
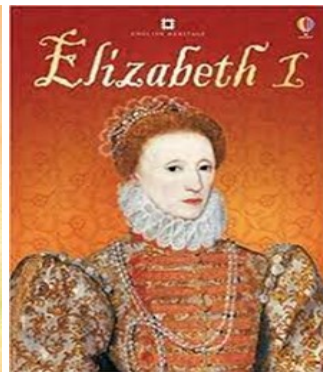
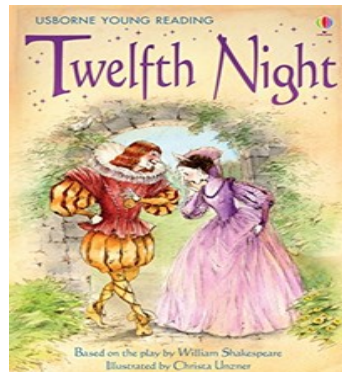
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We were delighted to welcome the children back after the Christmas holidays and we began our week with them with time for music, French, mindfulness and PE. The children were pleased to see each other and had lots of news to tell us.

Our school theme this term is English Queens and in particular comparing Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II. As part of this our class readers are *The Queen's Handbag* in class 1 and *Twelfth Night* (a children's version) in class 2. We will also be looking at biographies of both Queens.



Covid update

With cases rising in the local area we are asking families to be vigilant about spotting any symptoms, particularly of the new Covid variant which is more infectious and seems to present with some symptoms more like a cold than previous variants. If in doubt, please use lateral flow tests to check.

In school we are continuing with our tightened restrictions from last term with frequent hand washing, reduced sharing of resources, and ensuring good hygiene: 'catch it, kill it and bin it' with tissues available in every classroom and regular cleaning. We do have CO2 monitors which show us that our air quality is consistently very good, probably helped by the school's open plan design and from the ventilation from the open windows. We are continuing to try and get outdoors where appropriate. The children do need warm clothing during this colder weather! We appreciate your support in our efforts to try and keep everyone safe and healthy.

We are continuing with our Seesaw and Classroom Secrets Kids subscriptions should we need to return to remote learning. If this happens we can email out reminders for log on information so don't worry if you have misplaced yours.



Reading record reminder

Please remember to use your child's reading record to keep track of any reading at home. We would appreciate it as well if you could ensure that any school reading scheme books come back into school as we are running low of some colours – especially pink box books.

In Art we are looking at portraits and we will be comparing traditional painting with modern printing. We are excited for the children to have a go at painting portraits and also simple printing techniques. We are being inspired by Holbein who painted royalty and important people in Tudor times and Andy Warhol who did pop art pictures of the Queen. The older children will also be trying out some sculpture based on work done by Belsky



Clubs this half term

Monday

Eco School Club

Tuesday

Sports

Wednesday

Dance/Gymnastics

Thursday

Commando Joe's

Swimming and Milk Reminder

Please can swimming and milk money be paid by **Friday 14th January** at the very latest. Swimming can either be paid weekly which is £3.50 or for the full term which is £42.00. Milk is £8.00 for the full term.

Eco Club News

For our Global Citizenship topic this week we learned about World Braille Day, which was on the 4th of January. We learned about Louis Braille who invented Braille, and looked at the alphabet and how it is different to ours. We talked about different levels of vision impairment and blindness, and considered all of the things blind people can do, sometimes with certain modifications. We looked at some blind musicians and singers, and B1 football, with a ball which is adapted with metal shards which create a noise as it rolls across the pitch so the players can hear and locate it. The children noticed that the spectators had to be very quiet! We also all wrote our names with the help of the Braille alphabet which everyone picked up really well! This links well to the SDG's 10: Reduced Inequalities, and 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Well done everyone.

Miss Easten

