

### Reading Books.

Children take their reading books and reading record books home every day. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers. Please read with your child on a daily basis and write your comments in their reading record books. **Please note that your child's book will not be changed unless the book has been read and you have signed the reading record book to confirm this.**

### PE

Bint Qays - Thursday pm  
Ibn Salamah - Thursday am

Please ensure that your child's full PE kit is in school at all times and please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery in school. **Please ensure all clothing and uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.** Thank you.

### Punctuality/Appointments

Please try to avoid booking any appointments during school time. Please ensure your child is in school on time to avoid a late mark in the register and missing any work.

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Kings and Queens Super Learning Day**  
(separate letter to follow soon)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: History trip to Houghton Towers** (separate letter to follow soon)



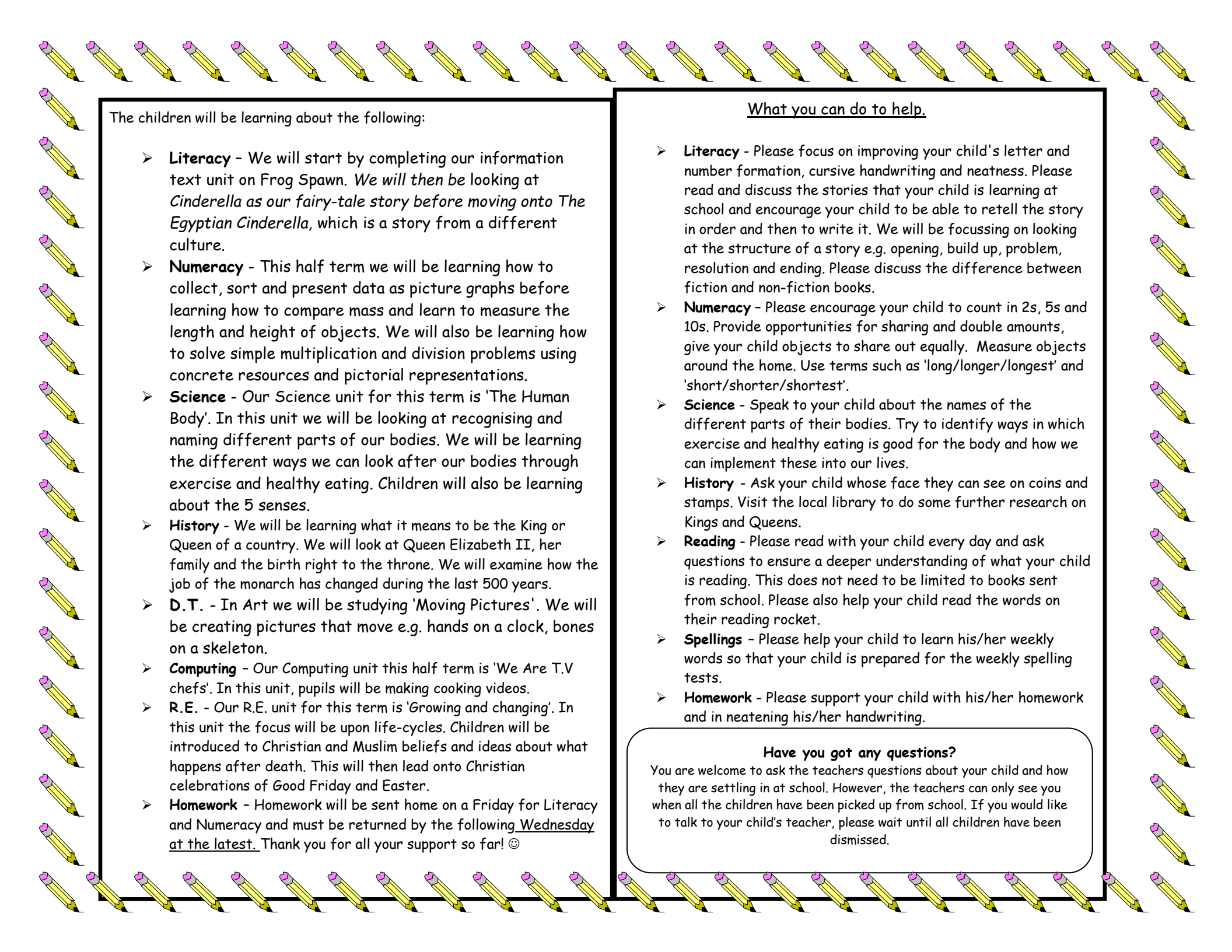
Olive School

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 2 2019



# 'Kings and Queens'



The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - We will start by completing our information text unit on Frog Spawn. *We will then be looking at Cinderella as our fairy-tale story before moving onto The Egyptian Cinderella, which is a story from a different culture.*
- **Numeracy** - This half term we will be learning how to collect, sort and present data as picture graphs before learning how to compare mass and learn to measure the length and height of objects. We will also be learning how to solve simple multiplication and division problems using concrete resources and pictorial representations.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'The Human Body'. In this unit we will be looking at recognising and naming different parts of our bodies. We will be learning the different ways we can look after our bodies through exercise and healthy eating. Children will also be learning about the 5 senses.
- **History** - We will be learning what it means to be the King or Queen of a country. We will look at Queen Elizabeth II, her family and the birth right to the throne. We will examine how the job of the monarch has changed during the last 500 years.
- **D.T.** - In Art we will be studying 'Moving Pictures'. We will be creating pictures that move e.g. hands on a clock, bones on a skeleton.
- **Computing** - Our Computing unit this half term is 'We Are T.V chefs'. In this unit, pupils will be making cooking videos.
- **R.E.** - Our R.E. unit for this term is 'Growing and changing'. In this unit the focus will be upon life-cycles. Children will be introduced to Christian and Muslim beliefs and ideas about what happens after death. This will then lead onto Christian celebrations of Good Friday and Easter.
- **Homework** - Homework will be sent home on a Friday for Literacy and Numeracy and must be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest. Thank you for all your support so far! ☺

### What you can do to help.

- **Literacy** - Please focus on improving your child's letter and number formation, cursive handwriting and neatness. Please read and discuss the stories that your child is learning at school and encourage your child to be able to retell the story in order and then to write it. We will be focussing on looking at the structure of a story e.g. opening, build up, problem, resolution and ending. Please discuss the difference between fiction and non-fiction books.
- **Numeracy** - Please encourage your child to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Provide opportunities for sharing and double amounts, give your child objects to share out equally. Measure objects around the home. Use terms such as 'long/longer/longest' and 'short/shorter/shortest'.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about the names of the different parts of their bodies. Try to identify ways in which exercise and healthy eating is good for the body and how we can implement these into our lives.
- **History** - Ask your child whose face they can see on coins and stamps. Visit the local library to do some further research on Kings and Queens.
- **Reading** - Please read with your child every day and ask questions to ensure a deeper understanding of what your child is reading. This does not need to be limited to books sent from school. Please also help your child read the words on their reading rocket.
- **Spellings** - Please help your child to learn his/her weekly words so that your child is prepared for the weekly spelling tests.
- **Homework** - Please support your child with his/her homework and in neatening his/her handwriting.

### **Have you got any questions?**

You are welcome to ask the teachers questions about your child and how they are settling in at school. However, the teachers can only see you when all the children have been picked up from school. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please wait until all children have been dismissed.