

The Queen

On Friday 8th May it is VE day. Any formal celebrations to celebrate have now been put on hold. On the 13th June it is the Queen's official birthday. For both of these dates some people may choose to decorate their homes with bunting. Below are some images of bunting you could make to decorate your home.



Images of the Queen can easily be found in our everyday lives on stamps, coins and notes. Show your child these items. Look at what she is wearing. Talk about the numbers you can see.



Extend and stretch your child's maths development by asking them to count the coins and then add some of their values together e.g.



add the numbers together. Start simply and explain the values of each coin. If they answer 3 try explaining again. If your child is not quite ready for this please do not panic.

Citizenship and British Values

Understanding the history of Great Britain and the constitution of the country is an important part of your child's learning. This journey starts in the Early Years.

If you wish to extend your child's knowledge of the Royal Family further a simple copy of the Royal Family Tree can be found under the 'Stories with Mrs Ledger' page.

In the current climate, images of Members of Parliament and the Prime Minister are more common than they normally would be. You can explain to your child who they are and how they are working to keep us all safe.

Your child will be very familiar with the 'Nursery Rules' - they may even remember the song and be able to sing it to you! You can explain that we have rules at nursery and at home and the way that we all live in this country is by following rules. If you wish, you can use this opportunity to talk about saying sorry when we do something to break the rules and consequences.

By completing these activities with your child you will cover the following areas of the EYFS

Physical development (fine motor skills and gross motor skills - making the bunting), **Personal and social development** (discussing the feelings of others, rules), **Communication and Language development** (new language e.g. 'Prime Minister'), **Literacy** (listening to the story), **Numeracy** (adding, identifying numerals, counting objects, shapes - circle coins square stamps), **Exploring the world** (understanding the country we live in, the Royal Family) **Expressive Art and Design** (bunting).

Extension work - you may wish to make your own family tree using photographs. You could Skype, FaceTime or phone family members to help fill in details. If you have family living abroad, it is an amazing way for your child to discover different places in the world and languages.