

Welcome back to the Autumn Term, Year 5!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term!



Topic

Our topic for the first half term is 'Off with Her Head!'



What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad?

Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing goes hand in hand with swift falls from favour – and even swifter falling of heads!

Develop your painting skills in miniature, solve riddles and remember to protect your precious neck with a large white ruff – if you want to survive at Tudor court! Flex your detective muscles and become a criminal investigator! Will you find the facts, or will the evidence from the past bemuse you? How will you find the accused? Innocent or guilty? It's your turn to take part in one of the most famous trials the world has ever known!

It would be a great help if your child could bring a box into school (shoe boxes and cereal boxes would be perfect) so that we can build our own Tudor houses.

PE

Children will be having PE on Monday mornings, with Mr Yates, and Wednesday afternoons with me. Please ensure that your child brings a full PE kit to school each week, consisting of black or red shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. In cold weather, children can wear jogging bottoms and jumpers (preferably in black). Please can children remove earrings for PE sessions, or provide plasters or tape along with a permission slip (from the school office) if they cannot be removed.

British Values, RE and PSHE

British Values is something that we address every day in school life and we will continue to do so. We will continue to teach PSHE weekly, addressing a range of issues. We are focussing a lot on social stories, personal health and well-being, emotional health and healthy relationships.

Homework

Please can children bring their reading records and spelling records into school every Friday. On a Friday, home reading will be stamped, and new spellings will be glued into their spelling records. There are always spare copies of spellings, guided reading learning objectives and homework in the 'homework tray' in the classroom.

Children are encouraged to read at home daily. We will continue to collect stamps and give out certificates for this. Reading can be anything from their school reading book to a recipe, shopping list or section of a magazine!

Spellings will be given out to children every Friday and tested on the same day the following week. The age-related National Curriculum spellings are in the back of their spelling books (which they will bring home). Children are expected to continue to practise the spellings that they got incorrect in their test. Again, lots of reading (from Bug Club to recipe books or shopping lists) will help to improve spellings.

Maths homework will be given out every Friday, to be returned on the following Wednesday. Also, it would be extremely beneficial to practise times tables as often as possible. There are lots of free, online games available. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> some of the games here are tablet friendly.

Some home learning ideas for our topic are (try and do at least one, or more if you'd like!):

- Make a presentation about a famous person in Tudor history.
- Make sketches of Tudor costumes for children and adults, rich and poor.
- Make a model of the Tower of London – or perhaps an instrument of torture!
- Design a snakes and ladders-style board game, with pitfalls and lucky breaks on the way to freedom from the Tower.
- Make a Tudor brooch, ring or headdress.
- Write some jokes about grisly Tudor facts.
- Find out about your local area in Tudor times. Are there any maps, buildings or artefacts from that era?
- Research to discover more about Tudor buildings.
- Find out the names of Tudor explorers and the new products they brought home.

Uniform

Please remember to send your child to school in full school uniform each day; this includes appropriate footwear.

Key dates

Thursday, 22nd November

Monday, 12th November – Friday, 16th November

Tuesday, 11th December

Wednesday, 12th December

Thursday, 13th December

Tuesday, 18th December

Wednesday, 19th December

Thursday, 20th December

Film night

Anti-bullying week

FS performance (pm)

Christmas class swap day

FS performance (am)

Year 2 and 4 performance

Christingle at Church

Enterprise Fayre

Last day of half term

Kind regards,

Miss Hodgkin and Mrs Scrimshaw