

A portrait of Henry VIII, the first Tudor monarch, wearing a crown and a dark, patterned cap. The background is a textured, greenish-blue wall with faint text. The title 'Year 5 Autumn Term (1) 2018' is written in large, blue, sans-serif font across the top, and 'The Tudors and Stuarts' is written in a similar font below it.

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The Tudors and Stuarts

RE - Gifts from God.
See attached sheet.

Literacy -

The children will be studying several non-fiction texts about the Tudor and Stuart era, they will use these as research materials to help them gather information to inform their writing. They will also read a class novel- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. This links to our science topic of changing state and will see the children enter the world of wizardry, through scientific experiments and creative writing. Using all of these texts as a stimulus, the children will write in a cross section of fiction, non-fiction and poetry genres. We will particularly be focussing on compound and complex sentence structures, advanced connectives and the use of adventurous and exciting vocabulary. We will also be looking at the children using punctuation correctly, consistently and effectively. They will have the opportunity to self and peer assess the work they produce and then make improvements.

The children will also have a weekly reading comprehension session where we will be looking at retrieving information from what they have read accurately and also inferring and deducing information, using clues from the text. This skill will be helped greatly if you listen to your child read regularly at home and question them about what they have read to you. Every child has a personal reading target to focus on too. This is in the front of their reading record.

Numeracy -

In class we have a daily mental maths test/ Calculation strategy checks and times tables/division challenge. The children are also tested weekly on their specified times table/division facts. I would encourage the children to practise these at home and to apply them to daily situations- this is an ongoing homework task which will run throughout the year. It is vital they have a secure times tables knowledge as they are used in all areas of the subject.

The children will also be getting to grips with more advanced methods of calculation such as using column addition and subtraction. We will be focussing on place value so the children can use their knowledge to check the suitability of the answers they come up with. These are really important things to be mastered early on in the year since they are used in so many other areas of the subject.

The class will be drawing and measuring angles with accuracy and learning about the properties of triangles, regular polygons and their individual names.

As well as these areas of maths, the children will be solving word problems set in real life contexts and challenging themselves with various maths investigations.

Science -

This half term our topic is 'Changing State'. Through this topic, the children will be learning about materials and their properties. They will investigate which materials are best suited to specific purposes e.g. to keep your disappearing potion at the correct temperature in your cauldron!!! The children will also find out which materials have reversible and irreversible changes- making mixtures and solutions out of materials stolen from Professor Snape's cupboard!

ICT -

During this half term the children will be learning how to blog. They will be shown how to work safely online to create blogs- these will have images added to them as well as other features to make them reader interactive and friendly.



History -

The children will be studying 'The Tudors and Stuarts' in history this half term. They will create a timeline and look at the Monarchs. The children will find out why Henry VIII married 6 times, and what happened to all of his wives! Famous Tudors will be studied and discussed. The class will also investigate what life was like in Tudor times through our visit to Tullie House. They will also find out why the Stuarts came to the throne, about the gunpowder plot against the King and also who the Roundheads and Parliamentarians were and why they fought with one another.

Art-

The children will be getting messy in Art this half term, so please make sure your child has a cover up to keep their uniform clean. The class will be making clay tiles in the style of the Tudor Rose. They will research, plan and design their own tile. After this process, they will make the tile and evaluate it in different ways.

PSHE -

This will be covered through the 'Kidsafe' programme. The children will be learning how to deal with issues surrounding their bodies and family conflicts.

If you have any questions about the programme please do not hesitate to come in and speak to our Learning Mentor, Mrs Scott.

P.E.-

Year 5 will take part in Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning games sessions with our specialist P.E. coach- they will be expected to wear the new outdoor uniform for the Wednesday session; grey jumper with school logo and black joggers. The children should come into school wearing these on a Wednesday morning and bring their school uniform in a bag to change into. Please ensure that indoor P.E. kits come to school on a Monday and are taken home on Friday afternoon.

Music -

Music this half term will consist of hymn practise as well as weekly sessions with a specialist music teacher. They will continue to learn how to play a musical instrument with increased accuracy.

MFL -

The children will continue to be taught French as part of their Wednesday morning round robin sessions.

Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd September- Jeans fo Genes Day

Tuesday 26th September- REACT Science Workshop

Friday 29th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October- Open Evenings

Friday 20th October- School Closes for $\frac{1}{2}$ Term- 3.10pm