

Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely break. This term we have lots of exciting learning to complete. Our main topic for the term is The Tudors. As with last term, our homework will be handed out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. As a reminder, children can change their reading book on any day. Reading records will be collected in each Friday and Dojo points will be given out for the number of times children have read to an adult.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to test spelling on a Tuesday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. As a reminder, children are expected to log on to Spelling Shed to practise their weekly spellings and books, which match children's reading levels, are on Ebooks. Dojo points are given for children using both these platforms weekly. Our class text for this term is Spymaster, First Blood by Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler.



Writing

In English this term we will be writing setting and character descriptions, a diary entry in role of a character from our class novel and work relating to Shakespeare's Macbeth. We will be continuing to develop our vocabulary as well as using more advanced punctuation and sentence structures.



Maths

In maths we will continue to work on decimals and percentages and will look at the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then move on to working on area and perimeter and then statistics.



Science

Our science topic this term is Feel the Force. We will be learning how to measure forces, looking at how different forces work and conducting experiments about different forces.



Computing

In computing we will be learning how to create our own single player games. We will learn how to design our games, how to input commands into the games and how to input input instructions so points can be scored.



Design Technology

Our DT topic this term is food technology. We will be looking at healthy recipes, taste testing some pasta sauces and then designing and making our own healthy pasta sauce.



History

Our geography topic this term is the Tudors. We will learn about the Tudor monarchs, focussing on King Henry VIII. We will also learn about significant Tudor explorers, how religion changed in England in the Tudor period and the events of the Spanish Armada. We will be going on a class trip to Warwick Castle as part of this topic.



Music

In music we will be learning about Motown music. We will learn to perform, Dancing in the Streets.

PE

This term we go back to outdoor PE lessons on a Monday and Tuesday. This term we will be studying athletics and tennis.



PSHE

Our topic this term is relationships.

**RE**

Our RE topic this term is Sikhism. We will be asking the question - What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God (Waheguru)?

**Homework Project**

As our next topic is Off With Her Head – The Life of the Tudors, children can research or create some art work based on this theme.



Please see the separate homework information sheet sent home.

**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities

**Times Tables Rockstars****Spelling Shed****Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Morgan

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

Monday 17th April – Term 5 begins

Monday 1st May – School Closed, Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 8th May – School closed, Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 9th May – Class trip to Warwick Castle

Tuesday 23rd May – Whole school introduction to Shakespeare workshop

Thursday 25th May – Term 5 ends

Friday 26th May – Teacher training day