



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER: Years 4 and 5

Autumn 2nd half term 2018

Theme: Off With Her Head!

Science: Children will be studying electricity and investigating what conducts electricity. They will be making circuits to test a range of materials.

English: Writing and reading skills will be developed through the use of a range of texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be researching and presenting information about Tudor life, writing poetry and riddles, creating newspaper reports on the theme of Anne Boleyn and writing persuasive letters.

PE: Children will be engaged in Games and Dance activities inspired by our class topic. **PE kits need to be in school every day.**

Music: The children will be listening to a range of courtly Tudor music. They will also be learning the song 'Greensleeves' and composing an extra verse!

**Main curriculum focus:
History – The Tudors**

History: We are learning how the Tudors fit into our history through the eyes of Anne Boleyn. We will be using the text 'Anne Boleyn and Me' by Alison Prince.

MFL: We will be revising seasons, months and looking at Christmas themed stories in French.

Geography: We will be looking at maps of Tudor London and comparing to modern day London.

Art: We will be creating Tudor portraits, making observational sketches of Tudor costumes and jewellery.

Computing: This half term we are continuing to create our own educational game using the program Scratch.

RE: We will be looking at the following question 'What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?'

P.H.S.E: We will be working on the value of: Motivation. We will also be looking at the themes of anti-bullying, tolerance and respect and democracy.

Maths: *This year we are following a new format of Maths lessons. We are using a six part Maths lesson to install Maths Mastery throughout the school. Maths will be taught in discrete Year groups:*

Year 4 (Mrs. Hallam) will be covering the following this half term: Measurement – length and perimeter, number – multiplication and division.

Year 5 (Mrs. Smith) will be covering the following this half term: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division using the formal written methods and Statistics.

Homework:

Homework books are to be returned to school every Monday. They will be marked and returned on Wednesday of the same week. There will be English and Maths homework set each week.

In addition the homework project for the half term is to make character profiles for all of Henry VIII's children. Draw an outline of each child and use historical source materials to find out about their characters and lives.

Reading - Books will be changed in both Oak and Chestnut class every Tuesday and Thursday.

Please comment regularly in your child's planner about your child's reading and let us know when your child has finished reading their book.

Other activities that you could undertake to support your child's learning this term includes: Helping them to learn their times tables and practice telling the time.

A useful Maths website you may want to use at home:

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>