

Spring Term in Upper School



Our topic for the whole of the Spring term is based around 'Tudors.' We launched the topic with a fun WOW day where the whole of Upper School dressed up and took part in activities including: making Tudor biscuits, Tudor dance, Tudor construction, Tudor diets and important Tudor dates. We aim to incorporate our topic into all areas of the curriculum which will be done in the following ways:

ENGLISH: We are currently reading 'Eliza Rose' which is written by historian Lucy Worsley. It is a fantastic story about a young lady who is born into a rich family with ties to the royal family during King Henry VIII's reign. The children will write diary entries in role, before writing letters and biographies. Later in the term, the children will write a balanced argument on whether King Henry VIII or Elizabeth I was a more effective monarch.

MATHS: Fractions, decimals and percentages are our main focus for this term. Measures will also be a focus - the children will apply these skills to fluency and problem-solving SAT style questions. Year 6 will also begin to recap and revise maths topics as they prepare for their SATs.

SCIENCE: We will investigate the effect of exercise on the heart, blood and circulatory systems and the effect of diet and exercise on lifestyle.

RE: Upper School will focus on the Creation story whilst also looking at the role of Henry VIII in the Church of England.

PSHE: We are focussing on relationships for this term which gives the children the chance to relate to 'Eliza' from our class book as well as draw on their own experiences.

GEOGRAPHY: The children will learn to use maps, atlas' and globes to identify cities and counties across the country whilst looking at how Britain's landscape changed during the Tudor reign.

ART: The children will research Tudor artist Hans Holbein and create their own portraits and self-portraits which were prolific during the Tudor era. They will look at how the size and quality of the portrait could indicate the social status of a person during Tudor times.

MUSIC: Children will focus on how the Tudors made music and will look at how music and dance were important in the Tudor court.

PE: As well as dance, children will get a chance to develop dodgeball skills and apply these in a dodgeball tournament in PE lessons. In addition to this, the children will get the opportunity to do a range of outdoor sports, including the chance to do Forest Schools with Mrs Grange. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school every day.

COMPUTING: We aim to use IT skills as much as possible within class but all the children will also be taught programming and coding skills by using our new software, Purple Mash. The children will also take part in Internet Safety week activities in February.

HOMEWORK: Homework continues to be set on a Friday and is collected in on a Thursday. It is important that all children bring their homework in on Thursdays as the children go through it at length with their teachers during the afternoon.

I hope you agree that we have got a fun and action-packed term ahead. As always we would love to welcome any parents/carers/family members into school if you feel you could add to our learning at all.

Many thanks
The Upper School Team