



The Tudors: World Exploration



Spring Term:

1st Half Term

4th January – 11th February

Spring Term:

2nd Half Term

21st February – 31st March

Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our **PSHE** this term will be looking at the topic 'TEAM' where we will learn about new beginnings and how to develop as individuals and as a team.

On Thursday afternoon **PE** lessons will be with Mr Hughes and Mrs Simpson will be teaching **German**. Mr Gernert will teach **Music** on Friday mornings.

In **RE** the focus will be around the question;- What do Christians do to express their beliefs? We will explore this through the celebrations that are important to Christians and learn about the key practices associated with these celebrations to find out more about what they tell us about beliefs about God, humans and the world.

Science: As scientists, we will be learning about "Materials". We will be learning how to identify and compare everyday materials for suitability and purpose. We will focus on scientific vocabulary with the topic and find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

More about our other curriculum areas:

History: The Tudors: World Exploration

As historians, we will be answering the questions: Who were some of the most famous Tudor explorers?

We will find out about the importance of exploration for the Elizabethans and how this is impacted historically on the world.

Geography: Maps reading of World Countries

As geographers, the focus will be on map skills and we will be using maps to locate world countries and focus on North and South America. We will focus on environmental regions and explore the features.

Art: Inspirational Artists

As artists, we will be exploring and observing the work of Hans Holbein and his painting 'The Ambassadors'. We will be looking carefully at the painting and use the techniques in our own painting.

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Linked to our History and Science focus, we will be using materials to design and make our own boats.

Homework:

This term homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be handed in on the following Monday. Weekly homework will consist of: **Reading, Spellings, Times Tables** (practice using TT Rockstars which all children have a log-in for) and **Maths**. Year 3 will also have **English** homework.

Spellings homework will be given out initially on a Wednesday and then when the children have finished a unit of Read Write Inc.

English:

There will be close links between our history topic this term and our reading and writing. As writers, we will focus on diary and information writing. We will be looking at information books that focus on the Tudors. The children will continue to embed their knowledge of grammar and punctuation. We will also be exploring play scripts during the term and become Elizabethan actors!

Spellings:

We will follow the Read Write Inc Programme in our spelling lessons. These sessions focus on learning spelling rules and patterns. Spellings sent home will either be year group focus words or spelling rules that need further practice.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our English curriculum.

At school, children will be involved in guided reading developing literal retrieval, deduction and inferential skills Guided comprehension and related reading activities will also continue for all of the children during our reading carousel.

Please continue to support and encourage your child to read at home as this is so very important in building both their pleasure in reading as well as their stamina and fluency.

Each group will be able to change their books on one day of the week. They will bring home two books: their reading book and one chosen by them from the library. The children will be able to change their library books each week.



Maths:

The focus for our Maths lessons will continue to strengthen number. As mathematicians, we will be learning all about: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions. In Measurement we will learn about mass.

There will also be a focus on Times Tables, so please encourage your child to learn these, as these underpin many of the concepts taught in school.