

Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Could you keep your head in Tudor Times?

English

This term we will begin by writing a diary of a common soldier who had to fight in the Battle of Bosworth. Our research about Henry VIII will result in an exciting flashback story and there will be a news report about the beheading of Ann Boleyn. After the half term the children will be studying Macbeth and take part in a play for a day based on their work, finishing with an historical recount of the great Tudor explorer, Francis Drake.

Maths

As usual children in our key stage will be set for maths so that the teaching and learning is appropriate for every child. The new curriculum requires the children to be able to use a wider range of skills. It is therefore very important that they are confident with their times tables and number facts. All students have a login for REFLEX maths which can be used at school or home.

History

The Tudors is a fantastic period of history to study. The children will learn all about the start of the Tudors through the Battle of Bosworth, taking part in a re-enactment; the amazing life of Henry and his six wives and the local story of the Prayerbook Rebellion. After half term they will experience acting at the Globe theatre (in Alverton school hall!), find out about Shakespeare and study the life of Francis Drake and his explorations.

Art

OUR FINAL OUTCOME THIS TERM WILL BE AN EXHIBITION OF TUDOR PORTRAITS AND TAPESTRY AT A LOCAL GALLERY. The children will study the skills of drawing features and creating portraits using different techniques and media.

D.T.

To make our re-enactment as life like as possible, the children will begin by making their own Tudor weapons. The main outcome for D.T. will be the tapestry work which will be displayed in the gallery.

Science

In the first half term the children will be set some interesting challenges that will focus on forces—air resistance/gravity/water resistance and friction. After half term, whilst learning about Tudor explorers pupils will research how they navigated using the stars, sun and the moon.

Music

The children will be listening to Tudor music, learning some Tudor dances and composing some music of their own that may be played during the exhibition.

French

We will continue to build our spoken and written French, linking in with our project.

I.C.T.

Pupils will be using the iPads to research and record their work in different ways, use programming APPS, designing their own simulation and we will be ensuring they know how to stay safe on the internet.

P.E.

Alongside P.E. taught by the Coaches which be invasion games, the children will be doing some dance units.