



Year 4/5 Autumn term

October - December 2011

Curriculum Newsletter

Topic

So far this term we have studied the significance of Henry VII, Henry VIII and his six wives, Queen Elizabeth 1st, War of the Roses and the meaning of the Tudor Rose and important dates.

This half term we will be looking at, the way of life for rich and poor, life at sea and the Spanish Armada and how the buildings were different.

Dates for your diary

Nov 7th - 11th Arts Week.
 Tues 8th Nov - 1st of 5 free class sessions run by the Harlequins in school during the school day called *Tackling Numbers* (PE kits will be needed on Tuesdays)
 Fri 11th Nov - 7pm, Parent and teacher barn dance.
 Mon 14th Nov- INSET day
 w/c 21st Nov - Parent and teacher interviews.
 Tues 13th Dec - Christmas concert (afternoon)
 Thurs 15th Dec - Christmas concert (evening)

Literacy

In our Literacy hour the main aspects will be:

Our text this term will be *Danny Champion of the World*, by Roald Dahl and we will be using this text to explore issues and dilemmas and to write reports and play scripts.

We will also be looking at poetry and children will have the opportunity to write their own poetry, including Tudor limericks.

Spellings will continue to be tested every **Wednesday** and your child will receive their new set of words each Wednesday. Please support your child to practise and learn their spellings for a few minutes every night. Please encourage your child to read at home for around 10 minutes every evening and write a comment in their reading record.

Numeracy

Over the term we will cover: Mental calculations, properties of number, understanding multiplying and dividing, money, real life problems, fractions, time and handling data.

Other areas of the curriculum

Science: We will be continuing with the topic ourselves and life processes in plants and animals.

Art/DT: Topic related, including miniature Tudor portraits and making Tudor hats and making pizzas.

Games: Football every Friday at the Rec.

PE: On Thursday mornings we will be doing dance.

ICT: Word processing, Colour Magic, data bases and internet research linked to science and Tudors.

RE: Christmas and special journeys.

Music: Instruments and singing, some topic related.

French: Vocabulary, conversations.

PSHE: We will be focussing on self esteem and individuality.

What you can do to help your child

We have had a great start to the year. The children are working very hard and trying their best. Thank you for supporting children with their homework, please continue to do so.

Just to remind you that Miss Bayly will be teaching the children at the beginning of the week and Miss Comport will be teaching the children Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

In a few weeks we will be sending you letters with information about swimming which we will start in January on Monday afternoons.

And lastly please could you send an art overall in with your child (ideally before arts week). This can be an old shirt or an apron.

Best wishes

Lara Comport and Anna Bayly

Headteacher