

**Year 5 Curriculum News**

**Summer 2 2021**

This term our topic will be focused on Tudor England and William Shakespeare. The majority of the topic will be based around history. Children will ignite the topic by designing and building 3D Tudor houses, looking at the architecture of the buildings. They will then explore the lifestyle of the Tudors; how they lived, their daily routines and the differences between then and now.

As geographers, children will discuss key features and how land-use patterns have changed over time linking this to the Tudor period. They will increase their geographical vocabulary using the terms latitude, longitude, equator, hemisphere, Topics of Cancer and Capricorn and time zones

As artist’s, children will learn the skills required for observational drawing; focusing on tone, shading and layering.

In music, the children will explore what a sea shanty is. They will play and perform in an ensemble, using their voices with increased control and expression; this will be outside in order that we remain Covid safe.

In DT and computing, children will research and develop criteria enabling them to design an innovative product fit for purpose. They will then use a variety of software and devices to design a persuasive advert to sell their product.

In PSHE, children will be looking at self-care and body image. They will look at body image in the media. It will enable the children to build emotional resilience as they learn to engage more deeply with the messages and methods of advertising.

**Home Learning!**

Spellings, reading and times tables should be done on a daily basis.

It would be helpful for children to discuss what they have learnt with you. They could design (and possibly make) a Tudor board game.

**English**

**Maths**

In maths, children will be working on improving their problem solving and reasoning skills through daily starter activities and challenges. They will then be recapping number work and the four operations.

Throughout the summer term we will be looking to recognise and use thousandths and relate them to tenths, hundredths and decimal equivalents, as well as rounding decimals with 2 decimal places to the nearest whole number and to 1 decimal place. Children will be able to read, write, order and compare numbers with up to 3 decimal places. Then they will solve problems involving number up to 3 decimal places. Children will then work on solving multi-step worded problems.

In English, our writing will be inspired by William Shakespeare’s play Macbeth. Children will learn about the play, sequencing the main events, analysing the main characters and identifying key themes. Children will study playscripts, identifying the key features and create their own additional scenes. There will be a big focus on drama this half term and children will perform parts of the play, thinking carefully about the language used. Another focus of study will be to “Write like Shakespeare.” Children will study some of the famous lines and sonnets in his plays and adapt them carefully analysing the imagery and language used. We will end the unit writing letters to different characters, carefully considering the level of formality required.

**Topic: The world is a stage**