

Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 12th September, 2023

Years 3 and 4

<u>Kings and Queens: Henry VIII</u>

We're excited to begin this half term's theme. We will be learning all about the Tudors. In our history lessons, we will learn about the life of Henry VIII and how the lives of the rich and poor Tudors differed.

The key knowledge we want children to learn is:

- The Tudor period was from 1485 -1603.
 - Henry VIII had 6 wives.
 - Henry VIII reigned from 1509 1547.
- How the lives of the rich and poor Tudors were different their clothes, food and houses.

In English, we will be writing biographies about Henry VIII. We'll also be reading a range of different text types to help us to find new information whilst learning new vocabulary.

Meanwhile, in art, we will learn how to mix colours when painting a portrait in the style of the artist Hans Holbein.

How Can You Help at Home?

- Please keep encouraging your child to read at least 3 times each week. This
 will really help your child to make progress in all areas of the curriculum. We
 will make sure your child's book is changed whenever needed. If you have any
 questions about how to help your child, please speak to their class teacher.
- Regularly access Timestables Rockstars at home.
 Please ask your teacher if you cannot remember your login.
- PE days: Tuesday and Thursday

<u>A Great Start to the Year</u>

The children in Penguins, Dolphins and Turtles have settled into their new classes and have made a great start to the new school year. They look very smart in their uniforms and have come back ready to learn! We are excited to see the progress that the children are going to make throughout this year.

We have talked about our Southcoates Values, focusing on friendship and what it means to be a good friend, including looking out for each other on the playground.

Last week, our class mascots were taken home and had some fun adventures! This weekend, our mascots will be spending time with children who have taken great pride in their work and behaviour throughout the week.



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 19th September: Rackets Cubed for Dolphins starts (every Tuesday).
Wednesday 20th and 27th September: Year 3 and 4 Pedestrian Skills.
Friday 6th October: National Poetry Day.
Friday 13th October: School trip to Bempton cliffs (Turtles Class).
Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 18th October: Parents' Evening.
Friday 20th October: School trip to Bempton cliffs (Penguins Class).
Friday 27th October: School trip to Bempton cliffs (Dolphins Class).
Monday 23rd October: Spanish Week.
Friday 27th October: School closes for half term.