

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 2017



Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic Summer break and that you are ready for the new school year to begin. Miss Dawson and Mrs Bell would like to welcome all of the children, parents and carers into our new Year 5 class.

Our topic this half term is

‘Off with her head!’

Below is an overview of what we will be learning over the next half term.

English

We are making a huge effort with our writing this half term. We will be perfecting our punctuation in sentences and using imaginative adjectives and adverbs, which will engage the reader. We will be working on our organisational skills and use of paragraphing. Our main focus will be on Henry VIII, which will include writing biographies, letters and newspaper reports.

Maths

In Maths we will focus this half term on number. We will begin by looking at 3, 4 and 5 digit numbers and ensure that we understand the place value of all digits in a number. We will look at large and small numbers and order them correctly. We will investigate ways to work out addition and subtraction calculations using both formal and informal methods. We will have a big push on explaining answers in Year 5, using the correct mathematical vocabulary. We will focus on word problems in sessions and use our Maths displays to help us identify the key information to help us to work it out.

Science

In our Science lessons we will be looking at Materials and we will be looking closely at how each property of a material will suit its role. We will draw diagrams to explain our findings and look at different variables. We will investigate how best to separate mixtures and conduct experiments to support our learning. We will analyse our findings and present them in different ways.

Topic

For our Tudor topic, we will look closely at the life of Henry VIII and his six wives. We will complete a lot of research about Tudor History and apply our English skills through our topic work. We will also produce portraits, music and dance relating to the Tudors.

ICT

We will use our computer skills to help us research safely using the internet. We will continue to work on our typing skills and complete our first Rising Star unit 5.1 where we become game developers.

Important Information

Reading - please read at home each night with your child. It is extremely important that children are reading regularly to support their learning. **Children must read a minimum of 5 times per week.** We will be checking reading diaries each day to monitor reading at home.

Homework - homework grids will be sent home. **Books must be in school each Wednesday for marking and to be kept up to date.**

PE - Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including shorts, a t-shirt and plimsolls. PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Dates for your Diary

- 9th & 16th October - parents evening

If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Dawson or Mrs Bell.