

# Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 1

## 2018

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic summer break and that you are ready for the new school year to begin. Miss Rowland and Miss Finn 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-

Throughout this half term, we are looking at improving our vocabulary to engage the reader. With the use of our topic, we will be writing in different genres to reflect and report on the life of the Tudor era. Our main focus will be on Henry VIII, which will include writing biographies, letters and newspaper reports.

### Maths-

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on number. Our topic of number will begin by looking at the place value of 3, 4 and 5 digit numbers and ensuring we understand the value of each digit in the number. As with English, there will also be a big push with vocabulary in Maths and using this when explaining our answers.

### Topic-

Our topic this half term is 'Off with her head!' This topic focuses on the Tudor era and the reign of King Henry VIII and his six wives. During these sessions, we will be researching about Tudor life and comparing it to life today, before using our English skills to publish our findings. We will also be creating portraits and music which will be linked to the Tudors.

### 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 is to be handed in on a **Wednesday** to be marked and handed out again on a Friday.

### Key Dates

**11<sup>th</sup> September**- Photo Day

**8-11<sup>th</sup> October**- Bikeability

**8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October**- Parents Evening

**22<sup>nd</sup> October**- Halloween Disco