

Year 5 Summer 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable break. Here is an outline of what we will cover over the next half term.

Topic	We will continue to study the Tudors and the local area. The children will explore various aspects of Tudor life and, in the process, develop their historical understanding and investigative skills.
Science	We will be investigating properties and the changing states of matter – solids, liquids and gases.
Maths	This half term we will focus on percentages, decimals and fractions (including improper and mixed number fractions, calculating with fractions and mixed word problems) with revision of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through written and mental methods, including problem solving and reasoning activities. We will also look at time and data handling.
English	In English, our significant author will be Michael Morpurgo. We will primarily be looking at his text "Kensuke's Kingdom". We will continue to focus on comprehension in Guided Reading and spelling and grammar will feature throughout the week within English lessons. Even if you are unable to hear your child read on a regular basis, please do discuss their reading with them.
P.E. and Games	In games, we will be learning the different forms of athletics including sprinting, standing long jump, standing triple jump, throwing events such as javelin and long distance running. Our PE focus will be dance and, using the imoves.com dance software, we will focus on Tudor dance.
R.E.	Why is Liturgy important to many Christians? – We will be looking at the different parts of Christian public liturgy and worship.
Computing	'We are traders' – we will be looking at programming games using Scratch and the Hour of Code website. We will link this with our previous work on spreadsheets.
Art/D.T.	In tandem with our Tudor topic, we will explore different media for producing portraits.
Music	We will be discovering the music of Martha and the Vandellas, with the focus on "Dancing in the Street". The pupils will sing, play instruments, improvise and perform.
French	Our focus for the next half term will be holidays, including preferences, holiday activities and linking sentences.
P.S.H.C.E.	Our learning focus will be on staying safe in different contexts, such as protecting ourselves from the sun, being aware of positive and negative risks in various situations and taking responsibility for staying safe.
Trips	TBC

Maths homework will be given out on Mondays, to be completed for Friday.

Spelling lists will be issued on Wednesdays, to be learned for the following Wednesday in advance of a test.

Finally, Topic/English homework will be given out on Friday to be handed in on Monday after the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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