



TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Year Six

Spring Term

English

This term the children will focus on the non-fiction genres of biography, information texts and persuasive writing.

Our fiction writing will be set in the past and inspired by a whole-class reading book. The children will practise writing in role and developing character.

We will look at how best to structure various types of writing so they suit their purpose. In addition, to prepare the children for the Grammar SATs, we will place an even greater emphasis on punctuation and the rules of English grammar.

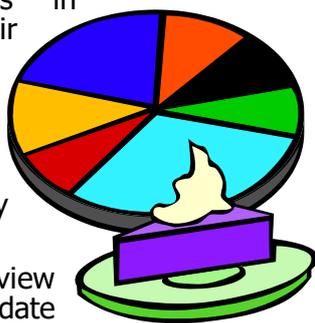
We will also be familiarising the children with the structure and expectations of the Reading and SPaG SAT papers.



Maths

Our focus in Maths this term will be to develop the children's abilities in applying their mathematical knowledge. To best prepare them for next term's SATs, we will be introducing them to the style and content they can expect to see.

We will continue to review and consolidate understanding of the core mathematical subject knowledge as well as introducing and expanding their understanding of concepts such as translation, ratio, proportion, probability, algebra, representing data and geometry.



Science

The science this term will start with a look at living things and their habitats. Later we will explore evolution and inheritance.

We will also continue the process of reviewing the children's knowledge of the entire science curriculum to ensure a thorough grounding in preparation for secondary school.



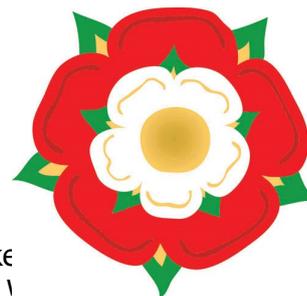
Humanities

This term's topic is 'The Tudors in our Local Area'.

This unit allows the children to undertake personal research projects and draw on their learning and enquiry skills from across the curriculum.

They will investigate key questions such as: "Who were the Tudors?", "What important Richmond landmarks are from the Tudor period?" and "What was Tudor life like?".

To compliment their studies, we will be visiting Hampton Court Palace and the site of Richmond Palace.



Lesson Equipment

All children should come to school with a pencil case and the necessary equipment for the day.

This should include: a blue handwriting pen (no biro's. Blue Friction Rub-out pens are particularly useful!), a whiteboard pen, a pencil, sharpener, eraser and glue stick.

We would appreciate contributions of gluesticks as we go through a lot of glue!

Computing

The children will continue to work on the design and development of their mobile apps.



In doing so they will have the opportunity to develop additional programming skills using App Inventor.

Religious Education



The children will study the theme of "The Journey of life and death". We appreciate that this may be a sensitive subject for some children, so please do contact us if you have or foresee any concerns.

In addition, the children will look at the contemporary Anglican church and the message of hope that Easter brings to Christians.

PE

Lessons will cover general fitness training and the skills and tactics required for ball sports. Indoor activities will include the annual SMSP Dance Challenge.

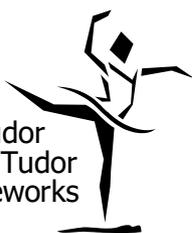
Art

The art focus will be 'People in Motion', looking at how artists depict movement in art.



Music

The children will be learning about the musical traditions of the Tudor period. This will include looking at Tudor instruments and using musical frameworks to compose in the Renaissance style.



PSHE

This term, the children will be learning about puberty, relationships, sex and pregnancy. Additionally, all children will also take part in the 'Becoming a Worry Detective' workshops which are



designed to develop their understanding of anxiety to teach them tools and strategies for managing anxious thoughts and feelings.



Home Learning

These tasks are designed to support the children in the securing of their learning and may take a range of forms, including open-ended investigations, preparatory research work or 'test-yourself' activities. We will also be making use of online resources, particularly in maths.

These tasks will be given out on a Thursday or Friday and (unless told otherwise) is due back by the following Tuesday.

Please encourage your child to complete and hand-in their Home Learning on time. Where answers (for self-checking) have been provided, please support your children in using them appropriately.

Key Dates

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| 4th - 15th February | Cycling proficiency |
| 15th February | Year 6 cake sale
<i>all proceeds go towards the year book</i> |
| 1st March | 6I class assembly |
| 11th March | Hampton Court trip
(all classes) |
| 2nd April | Isle of Wight & SATs meeting |

Parents' Evening

Please be advised that this term, Parent Consultations will take place on the 12th and 14th February.

PE Kits

P.E. kits will be needed in school every day.

Children require a pair of trainers and warmer clothing will be of benefit.

Your child may not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons without a full kit, including shoes.