

Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter: Year 5

Numeracy: We have found that teaching the children in ability groups has been beneficial to every child in the year group and for this reason, we will continue to teach in this way this term. This term we will be focusing on building confidence in counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts, understanding shape and handling data and measures.

Science: The topics of Keeping Healthy, interdependence and adaptation and Micro-organisms are studied this term. Children will be learning why we need to exercise and watch what we eat. They will learn that there are very small organisms called micro-organisms which can be both harmful and useful. They will also learn about how various animals live together.

Literacy: In literacy this term the children will be studying a range of genres including: Classical narrative poetry—'The Highway-man', Persuasive writing and Stories from Other Cultures including 'The Other Side of Truth' by Beverley Naidoo, and myths and legends Children will continue to be working towards their personal writing targets throughout the term. This term children will be split into differentiated spelling groups.

ICT: Children will be taught I.C.T. skills across the curriculum and I.C.T will be used to support all subject areas, particularly History, Science and Literacy. Children will develop their desktop publishing skills, use the internet as a research tool and use digital cameras to produce short 'News Reports' for our Tudors topic.

Physical Education: This term the children will develop their skills in dance, football, cricket and gymnastics. Some of our PE lessons will take place outside so please ensure your child has a tracksuit in their PE bag, along with their normal PE kit.

Art/Design & Technology: Our Art topic is Talking Textiles. This is linked to the History topic of the Tudors, using materials to depict the life story of Henry VIII. In Design and Technology, the children will design and make their own 'Tudor Ruff'.

Homework: Each week your child will receive a piece of literacy and numeracy homework. Spellings and handwriting activities will also be given. All homework will be given out on Thursdays and needs to be returned for marking by the following Tuesday. Children will also be expected to learn their times tables up to 10 X 10

Here I Am: Our topics are special people, good and evil and meals. These topics enable the children to explore their experience of life as a journey and how Christian life is a journey with Jesus. They learn about the Eucharist challenging and enabling people to live and grow in communion every day. They learn about Lent, Holy Week and Easter as the Church's seasons for celebrating Jesus fully alive.

History: In History we will be studying the Tudors, with a focus on the life and times of Henry VIII. Children will learn about the power and importance of a Tudor king and they will also contrast the lives of the rich and poor living at the time. We encourage the children to read any material linked to this topic. As a link to our topic, we will visit the Tower of London.

Music: The children will learn about: Cyclic patterns (exploring rhythm and pulse) and Roundabouts (exploring rounds).

Reminder: Our trip to London will take place 15th –16th April 2010. You may continue to pay by instalments in the New Year.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Lang

Mrs Da Silva

Miss Smith

