

Literacy We will be looking at stories set in different cultures and using the story "Wombat goes Walkabout" by Michael Morpurgo to explore stories set in different places. We will also be creating funny poems. After half term we will be writing information texts about The Tudors, using research and what we have already learnt. We will also be working on applying our knowledge of play scripts when writing our own plays. We will be working on our self editing skills, along with phonics, handwriting and spelling work.

Science We will be learning about light and shadows. During this topic we will be carrying out experiments to find out about opaque, transparent and translucent materials. We will also explore how shadows change during the day and creating shadow puppets. After half term we will be creating circuits and looking at materials which are conductors. We will be finding out what happens inside wires.

Numeracy This term some of the things we will be working on are pairs that total up to 20, 100 or 1000, practising multiplication and dividing in Year 2, with remainders in Year 3 or dividing and multiplying by 10 and 100 in Year 4. We will be choosing efficient methods for addition and subtraction. We will be measuring and comparing lengths using decimal points in Year 3 and 4 and identifying lines of symmetry.

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ICT We will be using Publisher to create story books, edit text, and insert scanned images. We will be researching The Tudors and thinking about internet safety and online rules.

RE We will explore how people express ideas, feelings and beliefs in a variety of ways. We will also look at the religions of Christianity and Hinduism in more detail.

We hope you have had a good holiday! Welcome to the Year 2's who have joined our class and welcome back to the Year 3's and 4's. Our topic this term is "The Tudors" and I'm sure we will enjoy finding out about them. Please remind your children to bring in their book bags every day and keep up the reading at home!

Geography/History We will be finding out about The Tudors. Who they were and what it was like to live in Tudor times. We will be focusing on King Henry VIII and his wives and finding out the reasons why had had so many. After half term, we will be learning about the Spanish Armada, Sir Francis Drake and why the English were successful. We will also look at the role of Tudor explorers including John Cabot.

Music We will explore rhythmic patterns, identifying and repeating a range of patterns. We will perform our own invented rhythmic patterns to the class.

Art/DT We will be looking at Tudor portraits, creating our own and using the work of Andy Warhol to create alternatives. In DT we shall be creating our own photo frames for our portraits.

PE We will be learning the skills of netball on Wednesdays at the village hall and on Thursdays improving our gymnastics skills. After half term we will be learning Tudor dance and tag rugby skills.

PSHE This term the children will be involved in shaping the class community. We will explore our different feelings and look at strategies to calm down and solve a problem confidently.

French We will be learning the names of family members and how to ask questions about them. We will be talking about ourselves and others including using describing words.