



## **Summer Term 1**

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year!

### **History and Geography**

This half term, our Cornerstones topic is 'Off with her head!' In this unit of work, we will be learning all about the Tudors. We will be learning history skills such as placing events on a timeline and creating a Tudor family tree. We will also be looking at Henry VIII and his six wives and why there were that many. We will discover the ways London has changed and stayed the same since Tudor times. The children will also create portraits in a Tudor style.

### **English Writing**

In English Writing this half term, we will begin by composing a biography about the life of Henry VIII or Elizabeth I. We will then move on to writing a letter in role as Anne Boleyn, trying to persuade Henry VIII to change his mind about her forthcoming beheading. In our fiction writing, we will be rewriting a scene from Shakespeare's Macbeth using descriptive and atmospheric language.

### **Maths**

In Maths we will complete units focusing on decimals, the properties of shape, position and direction, converting metric units of measurement and calculating and measuring volume. We are on track to cover any Year 4 gaps caused by the pandemic and cover all of the Year Five content.

### **P.E.**

For this half term, P.E. will be taught on a Thursday morning by our sports coaching team. It is vital the children wear their kits into school for every single session so that lessons can run smoothly and the children get the most out of the sessions.

### **Any other notices:**

- Spellings are uploaded/handed out on a Friday afternoon following the spelling test.
- Please ensure your child is reading every night. Their reading records need to be signed by an adult and the children should be heard by an adult or older sibling/family member. It is important children build their stamina for reading in Year 5. It is also important that children are reading aloud to an adult at least once a week, and are being questioned about what they are reading. Please use the VIPERS bookmarks to help you with answering age-related and appropriate questions.

## Year 5 Optional Homework Tasks

In Year 5 our Summer 1 topic is 'Off with her head!' Here are some examples of optional homework that your child could take part in. Please feel free to complete another task that is not stated on this list. These homework tasks should be in addition to the ten/twenty minutes a day that you spend reading with your child, assisting with spellings and times-tables that are sent home, if applicable.



## **Off with her head!**

### **Literacy**

Do you have horrible humour? Write some 'knock-knock' or 'what do you call a...?' jokes about grisly Tudor facts. Compose a jester-style stand-up performance for your class.

Research and create a fact file about your favourite Tudor Monarch.

Create a comic strip that details the events of the Battle of Bosworth.

Write a diary that recounts Anne Boleyn's experience in the Tower of London waiting to be executed.

### **Visit**

Visit your local library or museum (or both!) and find out about your area in Tudor times. Are there any maps, buildings or artefacts from that era? Create a scrapbook or poster of photos, leaflets and any other information you discover.

### **Art and Design**

Paint or draw a portrait of someone in your family. What objects or symbols could be included to show the person's character? Embellish the picture with different materials to add interest and texture.

Make sketches of Tudor costumes for children and adults, rich and poor. Use websites and books from your local library to find out about garments, styles and decorative details

Design a Tudor snakes and ladders-style board game, with pitfalls and lucky breaks on the way to freedom from the Tower!

### **History/Geography**

Tudor times were a great period of sea voyages and global exploration. Find out the names of some Tudor explorers and the new products they brought home. Be creative in how you record your results.

Research the emblem of the Tudor family. Create your own family emblem incorporating some of your family's favourite things.

On a map, show the journey that Christopher Columbus made when he travelled the world.

**If you would like any clarification about our approach to homework, please feel free to ask.**