

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 5 | Summer Term 1 | 2026



Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support this half term! We have really enjoyed learning about North America in Geography and Changes of Materials in Science. We hope you enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to another fun-filled and learning-packed term.

Next half term, our topic is 'Terrible Tudors' and we will be focussing our learning around the key question: How has the role of the monarch changed since Tudor times?

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

Now Press Play experience

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

Online tour of Hampton Court

Our 'Showstopper' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Debating the question "Which was a better monarchy: The Tudor times or the modern monarchy?"

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be presented through Seesaw.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts: The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf

Key skills:

- Newspaper articles and features of a newspaper report
- Persuasive letters, creating a formal tone of voice
- Performance poem, emphasis on rhythm and rhyme.

Maths:

Key topics:

- Shape
- Position and direction
- Decimals
- Negative numbers
- Converting units
- Volume

Useful websites

[Life in Tudor times - Key Stage 2 History - BBC Teach](#)

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/science/life-cycles---animals/>

<https://educationquizzes.com/ks2/science/life-cycles---plants/>

<https://stormedapps.co.uk/lifestages/lifestages.html>

<https://blog.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/explore-the-national-science-and-media-museum-at-home/>

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Living things and their habitats. This will focus on plants, reproduction, metamorphosis, birds and reptiles.

Please see the knowledge organiser to give you an overview of the topic and vocabulary.

Computing: Tinkercad Animation

History: Our History topic this the Terrible Tudors. We will be looking at Henry VIII, his reign and how he broke away from the Catholic church. They will then move on to the life of different classes and then how Elizabeth I was treated by the public. Finally we will be comparing the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I to today's monarchy.

RE: Could the Lord's Prayer be universal? Christianity

Art: Creating graffiti art. The children will learn different styles and techniques before creating their own graffiti art.

PE: Flight (Gymnastics) and Tag Rugby

Music: Dancing in the Street. The children will be learning the genre of 'Motown'

PSHE: Enjoy Learning - RRHE (Relationships, Reproduction, Health Education)

Reminders:

PE – Thursday (Outdoor)

PE - Friday (Indoor)

