



## Year 5 Spring 2 Half-Term Topic Letter

March 2015

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have reached the half-way point in the year! This half-term promises to be extremely productive. When we are not taking part in lessons outside of the classroom there will be lots of things going on inside the classroom!

We shall be covering the following areas this half- term in our topic **Tudors**.

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Spelling:</b> Silent letters The 'i' before e except after the 'c' rule applies to the worlds where the sound spelt be ei is /i;/ Word bank spellings</p> <p><b>Grammar:</b> Commas to clarify meaning and to signal subordinate and main clauses. Sentence openers Connectives</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Play script writing Instruction writing Persuasive Debates</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Book club roles using Tudor stories</p>	<p>Many parents have requested good recommendations for reading books. Below are some links to these</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Books related to Tudors <a href="http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/17/5/childrens-books/articles/ten-of-the-best/ten-of-the-best-stories-set-in-tudor-times">http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/17/5/childrens-books/articles/ten-of-the-best/ten-of-the-best-stories-set-in-tudor-times</a></li> <li>General reading books, these include audio books as well. Please select according to age: <a href="http://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/">http://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/</a></li> </ol>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>Mental maths strategies Place Value, Roman Numerals Consolidation of the four rules of number Ratio and proportion- using Tudor recipes Problem solving and maths investigations <i>This term, much of the home-learning will be set on-line using the Abacus website. This can be accessed through the school website <a href="http://www.tetherdownschool.org">www.tetherdownschool.org</a> The children already have their usernames and passwords. The school code is qlqp. If you are having problems logging on at home we have provided a 15 minute slot in the ICT suite on Wednesdays at 12.00-12.15 pm for the children to complete this home-learning.</i></p>	<p>Please could you encourage your child to go to the library section on Active Learn and consolidate their learning by playing the games.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Working Scientifically – planning, conducting and evaluating science investigations</p>	

<b>ICT</b>	Revelation Art Using Multimedia and Window's Media	
<b>History</b>	Tudors The children will be working towards a day where they will be involved in a Tudor feast. For this they will be preparing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An outfit</li> <li>• One course towards the Tudor feast (this may be a Tudor starter, main or dessert)</li> <li>• Entertainment</li> <li>• Oral story telling</li> <li>• Tudor dancing</li> <li>• Procession around the school</li> </ul> We will be introducing preparation as well as the explanation in their weekly home-learning.	These are places you may want to visit: Tower of London, The Globe theatre Hever Castle, Eltham Palace, Golden Hinde , Museum of London, Hatfield House Good websites for further research <a href="http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/monarchy/tudors.html">http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/monarchy/tudors.html</a>
<b>PE</b>	Tudor Dance Tennis	
<b>Art</b>	Hans Holbein and Tudor portraits Developing Sketching	National Portrait Gallery to see the Holbein Art.
<b>PSHE/ RE</b>	Christianity looking closely at Catholics and Protestants The Reformation during Tudor times	
<b>Music</b>	The Apollo Music Project Each month (until the end of the academic year) musicians will be running workshops with the children based on orchestral instruments. This will include two concerts. Tudor music appreciation	
<b>Workshops</b>	World book day Oral story telling Hampton Court Tudor Feast	

### Swimming news:

We have been informed that the pool will be open after the Easter holidays. We will inform you of the times and other information later on this half term.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February- Oral Storytelling with Tricia Phoenix, in preparation for the Tudor Feast  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- World Book Day, please come to school dressed in your favourite character or you may choose a Horrible History Tudor Character, as we will be focusing on this book on that day!  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Visit Hampton Court  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief – dress in red. Cake Sale after school.  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Komodos Tudor Feast  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Chameleons Tudor Feast

We are really looking forward to a fun and creative half-term.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns relating to your child during the term.

With best wishes

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