

We hope this topic letter will give you some insight into the work your child will cover during this term.

Our inspiration for this term is based on 'The Tudors'. We will be covering this topic over the two half terms from January to April.

The key skills we will be focusing on are: how to be co-operative, independent and responsible, as well as organising our belongings and ourselves!

Literacy

This term the children will be reading a range of texts such as 'My Friend Walter' about Tudor hero Sir Walter Raleigh to craft a range of texts. They will be writing their own newspapers and posters, as well as focusing on setting and character descriptions in their story writing. We will also be delving into some traditional Tudor fairy tales and even some Shakespeare!

Numeracy

During our daily numeracy lessons, we will continue to practice our times tables (up to 12×12). We will be learning the formal methods for multiplication and division. We will also be learning to calculate area and perimeter. We will then be learning about fractions and decimals. The children will continue to practice their reasoning and problem solving in relation to all of these areas.

Computing (I.C.T)

The children will be deepening their learning about staying safe online, as well as developing their abilities in creating and using spreadsheets for a range of purposes.

Music

The children will be learning how to make music electronically, as well as learning to sing the song Blackbird by the Beatles. They will continue to develop their ability to warm-up their voices, find the pulse of the song and sing the various parts of the song without a vocal guide, learning to improvise in some places.

History

This term, we will be learning about 'The Tudors'. The children will identify when the Tudor period was and learn how the period began with The Battle of Bosworth. They will also investigate and compare Henry VIII's wives and children. This learning will be supported by a visit to Hampton Court Palace.

R.E.

This half term we will be learning about why praying is important to Christians. After half term, we will be learning about how Lent helps Christians to prepare for Easter.

Art/ D&T

The children will focus on developing their skills of drawing and painting when creating Tudor portraits. They will also be designing and constructing their own Tudor houses using junk modelling materials.

P.E.

This term we will be going swimming on Tuesday/Thursday mornings at Saxon Primary School. The children will also still have their weekly 'sports focus' session.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be finding out about and developing empathy for those with hearing impairments. We will learn how we can be effective communicators. We will also be exploring how to be safe online on safer internet day.

Science

This half term, we are looking at Sound. We will be identifying how sounds are made through vibrations and identifying patterns between pitch and volume. After half term, we will be looking at the states of matter - solids, liquids and gases.

Ways in which you can help us:

- Please send your child to school in their PE kit on a Thursday and ensure all jewellery is taken out before school.
- Please make sure your child has their swimming kit every Tuesday (Owls) or Thursday (Swallows).
- Supporting children at home with reading, times tables practise, weekly dictation and learning log tasks.
- Please check their home/school learning diaries every night for important information.
- Please ensure your child is in school and on time every day; we hope to have 100% attendance in Owls and Swallows classes each term!
- Please remember to inform the school office of any changes of address, home telephone, mobile telephone number or any other emergency contact information.

Thank you for your continued support.
We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC term!!!

Buckland Primary School

The Tudors



Topic Letter for Parents

**School Times: Class starts at 8.50am
and finish at 3.00pm**

**January 2022 - April 2022
Year 4**

Mr Turner and Mrs Mahmood