



'Being Better Every Day'

Thursday 3rd April 2025

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

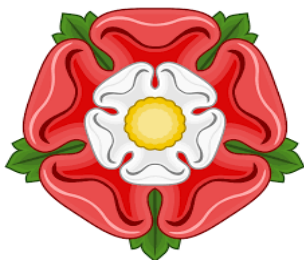
Next term, as part of our 'Tudor Rose' unit of work, will be looking at what life was like in Tudor times. This term, the children have enjoyed learning all about comparing Swedish geography with our own and we hope they enjoy the next unit even more.

In **Term 5**, our unit title will be '**Tudor Rose**' there will be a big focus on **History** in this unit.

During this unit, we will learn about: the start and end of the Tudor period, the first Tudor king, what happened to Michelham Priory, what a monarchy is and what happened with the Catholic Church. We will study historical sources and look at the leadership of Henry VIII.

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question:

What was the impact on Michelham Priory as a result of the dissolution of the monasteries?



Curriculum Project

For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this unit we have listed possible ideas below.

- Research and create a Tudor house from items found in the home- junk model
- Create a 'Fact File' – on one or more of Henry VIII wives.
- Design a shield with coat of arms that says something about your family.
- Illustrate and label a long table full of all the delicious foods you might find at a banquet. (Don't forget the pigs head).
- Write 3 diary entries outlining events from the period. Try to write from the point of view of a peasant, nobleman or royal. You could even age your entry with coffee or tea to stain it.
- Write song lyrics or jokes that you could perform to the King/Queen. Remember, they must like the performance or else.
- Draw a scene of you performing to an audience in a Tudor court. What key things would you see amongst the royals?

Alternatively, your child may want to do something completely different! Your child may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project – either is fine and we look forward to see them.



We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

Useful Websites:

- <https://tudorhistory.org/>
- <https://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-2-tudors.html>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-the-tudors/zkgyhbk>
- <https://superbrainybeans.com/history/tudors/>
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/tudors>

- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Tudors.html>
- <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/tudors/>

Home learning projects should be completed by the week beginning **w/b Monday 19th May 2025**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

Reading

The children have been really enjoying our 'Destination Reader' work in class. Our next shared book will be '**Varjak Paw**' by SF Said.

Homework

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 4, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of **15 minutes** every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record.

We would also like the children to be practising their times tables every day for at least **15 minutes**. The children all have an individual account for **Times Table Rock Stars** which they can use to support their learning. The aim is for our Year 4 children to know their times tables really well by the end of the school year.

Additional homework tasks

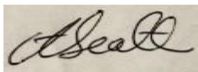
In addition, class teachers will set a 'homework menu' each term. This will contain a range of activities and subjects which children and families may choose to complete. The tasks and activities on this menu are **optional**.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday** afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school in a suitable PE kit on these days.

We hope your child will enjoy term 5 after having a lovely Easter break!

Yours sincerely,



Ms Seath

Year 4 Teacher

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