

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our fifth term of the school year. Last term was obviously very different but having the children all back for those final 3 weeks and spending a lot of time away from the normal curriculum was very enjoyable. I have really enjoyed all of the art work that we have taken part in and some of the pieces created were incredible and the children should be very proud. I also know that many of the children found all the debates about Richard iii and discovering his final resting place in a carpark particularly interesting. Blowing up balloons with vinegar, baking soda and a bottle was also a great deal of fun! I am really looking forward to this term for many reasons. I am excited for the children to find out a great deal about the Tudors. I really do have my fingers crossed that we will be able to visit Burghley House by the end of the year, to really bring that learning alive for the children. I know that there has been so many aspects of school that the children, particularly the year 6s in their final year, have missed out on (from what I have heard from the children, they have been most upset by missing out on sitting on the benches in assembly!) however we will work as hard as we can to ensure that their final Summer term in school will be one for them to remember fondly.



Significant person

This year we have decided to introduce to our curriculum a significant person. This is a person who has had a strong impact on our way of life or culture and that we think would be important for the children to know about. This term we have decided to learn about the famous Tudor play-wright, William Shakespeare. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the history of the English language, transforming theatre through characterisation, plot, language and genre.



Class: Hawthorn

Term: 5

Homework

My Maths continues to be set for all children to complete on a weekly basis. Children should also be reading on a daily basis. As well as this homework, we have uploaded spellings to the Hawthorn Teams files for children to practice at home. It would be good for children to revisit the spellings from previous weeks when they are practicing them, particularly ones that they struggle with to ensure that they are remembered. Daily reading is also part of our homework. Books are available in school.



Quest: How do we make the Tudor's healthy?

In this quest, children will begin by taking part in a Tudor banquet. At this banquet, they will find out that the Tudor's life style was not very healthy and they will be set the challenge of creating a design for a healthy Tudor themed pack lunch to take on a trip to a traditional Tudor house (Covid restrictions pending). In the unit they will find out all about Tudor life-style.

PE days

This term, PE will take place in Hawthorn Class on a Wednesday and a Thursday. For those days that we are doing PE, could the children continue to please arrive in school dressed for PE. Some PE will take place outdoors and some indoors. The children will also take part in a daily mile talk.



Collective Worship



Collective worship this term will continue to take place in classroom rather than in the hall, to ensure that there is as little mixing as possible. On Monday to Thursday, this will occur just in class however on Friday we get the opportunity to join together (virtually) as a school and take part in a celebration worship lead by Mr Scott. For details of the themes of this term's worships, please log into the following document: http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Content/documents/ChristianVal-uescolletive_worship_planner_sum_1_2020_21_.pdf

Homework ideas

As always, we are sharing a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home. Some websites that give lots of information to children about the Tudors include the following links:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-the-tudors/zkgyhbk>
- <https://planbee.com/blogs/news/tudor-facts-for-children-and-teachers>

You can use this site to do a virtual tour of a Tudor town and find out historical facts; <https://www.tudorworld.com/virtualtour>

Here are some ideas for other activities to try at home:

- Write your own "horrible history" style fact files about a Tudor figure
- Read some Shakespearian stories
- Find out the meanings of some Shakespearian words
- Plan and cook a Tudor feast
- Paint some Tudor style portraits
- Create a Tudor timeline or family tree
- Research and plot Sir Francis Drakes journey around the world on a world map

Don't forget to share anything you have done!

