

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Friday 3rd May - English Martyrs' Feast Day. Mass @ 10.15 - all welcome!

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May - Ascension Mass

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Tuesday 14th May - Rainbows Charity Assembly

Friday 17th May - Year 6 Ski Centre Trip

Friday 24th May - End of term

Homework

Homework will be continuing this half term for year 5.

Homework for year 6 will be to complete all the remaining pages in their homework books in preparation for SATs.

These just need to be submitted at the end of the half term

- not weekly.

A message for parents

Welcome back to Pentecost 1!

This half term our driver subject is history and our topic is
The Tudors!

If your child borrows any kit from school, please can it be returned as soon as possible as our previously well stocked spares are now running quite low!

As the weather is set to (hopefully) get warmer this half term, please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school everyday.

Miss Cope, Miss Durkan and Mrs Oldershaw.

Writing

For the first 3 weeks, we will be focusing on the book *My Friend Walter* by Michael Morporgo followed by a biography of Henry VIII.

Children will be drafting and editing their own narratives, and biographies, inspired by both featured texts.

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Maths

Year 6 will be completing blocks of area, perimeter and volume, as well as statistics this half term.

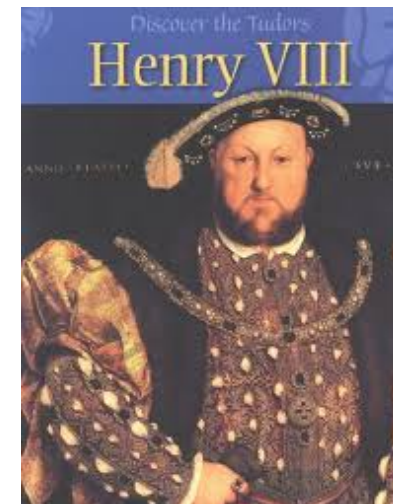
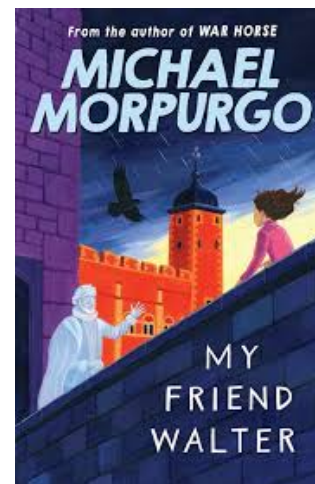
Year 5 will be completing blocks of decimals and shape.

Reading

In our reading sessions, children will be identifying and analysing the grammatical and language choices made by the author in *My Friend Walter*

They will also practice and develop their retrieval skills using our biography text: collating and presenting information.

Texts



RE

This term our RE topic is called 'To the Ends of the Earth'

Across both year groups, children will be studying the events that take place between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension to Heaven. Children in year 6 will focus on the "second Adam" and the sacrament of Baptism.

Year 5 will focus on the events of Pentecost and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Science

In science we will be learning about the Circulatory System. Children will explore the structure and purpose of the circulatory system, as well as understand the key role of the heart and blood. They will further their understanding of blood by studying the oxygenated and deoxygenated blood too.

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History

In Geography, both year 5 and 6 will consider the impact of The Tudors and Henry VIII. They will work to know the type ruler Henry VIII was and explore his complex family tree. They will extract evidence from primary sources to decipher the Royal Progress of Elizabeth I and make deductions about the key figures from Tudor England.

Computing

Our computing strand this term is 'Computing Systems and Networks'. Year 5 will be learning about the different methods of online communication for particular purposes and explore the workings of search engines. Year 6 will be looking at communication and collaboration. They will see how systems are connected and how this allows for online collaborative working.

DT

This half term, we are studying DT. Children will design, make and evaluate a pop-up book using a range of working mechanisms. They will develop layers and spacers to add intricacy to their books and create a high quality product, considering the target user throughout.

PSHE

This term, our PSHE topic is 'Money Matters'. Pupils will continue their previous learning of the different ways we spend money and what it is used for in a variety of situations, different to their own. They will begin to understand the terms interest, loan and tax and begin to consider these terms in an enterprise setting.

Music

In Pentecost 1, we will be learning about themes and variations within music. Pupils will compare and contrast themes in different pieces of music and perform their own variations of a piece of music.

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PE

All pupils will be studying invasion games this term in PE.

Across the phase, pupils will be learning and practicing safe exercise by carefully considering warm-ups and cool-downs. They will develop their control of movements and linking this to accuracy.

Year 6 will develop this further by modifying their techniques to suit different situations.

Forest Schools

This half term, pupils will continue to develop their skills with knots, winter rules, nature art and den building, as well as developing their skills when using a range of tools.

Please ensure that children have brought a pair of wellies (with socks) to keep at school for Forest Schools. Please also remember the children will continue to need their arms and legs covered for each session.

French

In French, we will begin a new topic of Families!

Pupils will learn phrases to say if they have brothers or sisters, be able to name different family members on a family tree and begin to be able to express an opinion and describe their family members.