

Curriculum Overview for Year 3 and 4 Pupils – Term 5



Theme title: What sort of king was Henry VIII	Launch pad event: Trip to Leeds castle for a Tudor workshop
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English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	During English the pupils in Year 4 will be learning how to write a persuasive text. They will also be learning a story which they will be improving and innovating as they learn the structure of a plot. Year 3 will be writing their own shape poems about animals. Additionally, they will be writing their own suspense stories. Spelling will be a continuous focus within both year groups, learning words from the Statutory word list.	
Maths <i>Maths homework is set every Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday.</i>	Pupils in year 4 will be concentrating on improving their addition and subtraction skills, linking this to solving problems with money. They will also use their addition and subtraction skills when investigating capacity as well as estimating and comparing different volumes. Pupils in year 3 will be recapping and developing their place value skills. In addition they will continue to work on solving problems with addition and subtraction. Times tables continue to be a focus for both year groups.	
Science	Our topic in Science next term will be about animals, including humans. The topic will cover the organs involved in the human digestive system and their function. Pupils will also learn about different types of teeth and their role in digesting food. The children will also learn how to recognise and create their own food chains.	Children will be writing fact files.
Geography	In geography, we will be looking at Ordnance survey maps with a focus on using them to carry out fieldwork around Hawkinge. In addition, we will be learning the differences between a village, town and city.	Children will be carrying out compass work.
History	In history, we will be introducing the children to the Tudors. They will learn about who Henry VIII was and what he was like as a ruler. In addition, pupils will find out about his 6 wives and what unfortunate fate they met.	Children will be writing diary entries.
Art	In art, pupils will be using different grades of pencils for sketching and shading. They will then be using the digital cameras to take photos and recreate half of the image using the different grades of pencils. There will be a focus at the end of the unit on Henry VIII.	
DT	In DT, we will be learning how to sew. Pupils will learn how to sew a few different types stitches. The focus will be on creating a Tudor rose using and range of colours.	
Computing	Pupils will be focusing on the world of research and communication next term. They will be taught the importance of keeping safe when communicating electronically and identify the features of a blog and understand how a forum works.	
PE	Our unit for Outdoor PE this term will be Kwik Cricket. They will learn how to pass and bowl a ball with accuracy. By the end of term they will have developed their coordination skills so that they can play a mini game! In indoor PE the focus will be on gymnastics. The children will apply their balance skills from term 1 to travel in different ways across high and low apparatus.	
Music	In music, we will be looking at and identifying different types of Tudor instruments. We will be listening to a few different pieces of music, such as Green sleeves. After, pupils will be composing their own Tudor fanfares and performing them to the rest of the class.	
RE	In RE, the pupils will be learning about different religious and spiritual ways of life relating to milestones on the journey of life. Through exploring baptism, Bar and Bar Mitzvah or Hindu Samskaras and marriage, pupils will understand how and why people choose to mark significant moments in their lives.	
P.S.H.E	Linking our learning to the Five Ways of Wellbeing as usual, the children will be looking at how they can be active to keep themselves fit and healthy, as well as how it contributes to positive mental health and wellbeing. They will also look at the impact of an unhealthy lifestyle.	

Ways in which you could support next terms curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrible Tudors Non fiction books on the Tudors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Castle 	* Create a Tudor rose