

Y5 Newsletter

Off With Her Head!



Topic

Henry VIII was the first English king to appoint a court painter. He hated the style of English painters, so he invited a German artist, Hans Holbein the younger, to do the job! Anne Boleyn was the first English queen to be publicly executed. Henry sent for a French swordsman to do the deed. He was paid £23, and took off her head in one swift blow.

On the 19th May each year, mysterious red roses have been placed on Anne Boleyn's marble tomb in the chapel of the Tower of London. Only recently was their sender revealed! Anne's ghost is said to haunt several key buildings, including the Tower of London and her childhood home.

This half term we will be discovering a lot more about the Tudors...

English

English this half term will be centred around the Tudor topic. We will be looking at non-fiction texts; beginning with biographies. Lessons will focus on the end of year 5 expectations and children will be encouraged to incorporate as many of these into their writing as possible. Guided reading activities will continue to take place daily and a core story is read every afternoon. We will continue to work on handwriting; specifically for those needing assistance in developing a consistent and joined-up style.

Maths

We are introducing maths blast this half term which will be 15 minutes each afternoon focusing on mental maths. Ask your child what they have been learning.

Subtraction continues to be the biggest priority for the class. We will also be looking at area and perimeter, then moving on to multiplication and division problems - keep practising those times tables. (6x.7x.8x.9x)

Reminders

PE kits need to be in school each Monday morning and stay in school all week. Swimming will be continuing on Thursday afternoons.

Please remind your child to bring their reading record to school every day. Teachers need them to write in their focus from guided reading. Children reading at home three times per week will receive a raffle ticket and prizes will be drawn before Christmas.

A list of spellings are sent home each Wednesday and children will be tested the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to practise regularly at home.

Homework menus will be sent out for the topic and brought back on Wednesdays.

There will be a maths lesson on subtraction for parents to attend on Thursday the 17th of November: 3-3:30pm.