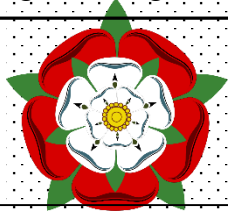
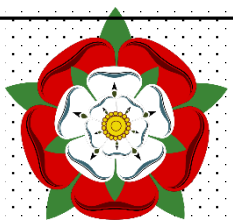


Term 4 – Year 6 curriculum newsletter

Welcome back to term 4 – we all hope that you had a wonderful break and that you feel rested and refreshed! Term 4 has a lot to offer, as we delve into the fascinatingly cut-throat world of The Tudors. Our focus will be on the origins of the Tudor dynasty, how Henry Tudor came to unify the houses of York and Lancaster at the Battle of Bosworth Field and then how Henry VIII worked to make England a power in Europe. Along the way, we will look at wives, conflict with the church and the personality of who has become, debatably, our most iconic monarch, Henry VIII. To finish, we will look at Elizabeth, the queen who became a power house on the international stage, striking fear into the hearts of men.



The Tudors – terrifying or terrific?



Core subjects – English

In writing, we will be exploring the way that we can tell stories and events through diary entries as we examine the impact of the Battle of Bosworth. We will also be closely examining the characteristics and personalities of both Henry VIII and Elizabeth I in order to write balanced arguments and profiles.

In addition, we shall be further exploring the book *The Lost Thing*, writing biased and balanced arguments, narratives and descriptive passages which incorporate dialogue. In our guided reading we will use video stimulus to encourage the skills of inference and deduction and will also explore how to effectively summarise a text by writing a precis. In grammar, we will be revising some of the trickier aspects of the curriculum, like subordinating conjunctions, passive voice and unusual verb tenses.

Maths

We will continue to keep our written methods well practised, and explore some new knowledge with volume, area and perimeter of shapes, mental and written strategies of addition and subtraction, properties of 2 and 3-d shapes, ratio and proportion and pie charts and statistics. It is vital that, in Maths homework books, children keep up the high standards of presentation we expect in class.

Key dates and events

As usual, we will be launching our topic with an exciting activity and landing with a Tudor banquet. We also hope to arrange for a visitor on 8th March to give the children an expert perspective on Tudor life.

World book day activities 28th March, R.O.A.'s given to parents 16th March, Parent consultations 20th&22nd March, STEM week- 26th-29th March.

Please note: children are to keep practising spellings as part of their homework each week, and will be tested in class and should also ensure they spend some time on TT Rock stars every week in order to fine tune their times tables knowledge.