

English

In English the children will study *The Queen's Token* by Pamela Oldfield, developing skills in prediction and inference through close reading. They will explore the characters of Hal and Henry VIII, writing detailed character descriptions using expanded noun phrases and rich vocabulary. Pupils will rehearse and compose sentences orally, extending their range with varied conjunctions. They will use dialogue to create conversations between characters and apply these techniques to write an additional chapter for the story, demonstrating creativity, accurate punctuation, and a strong sense of character voice.

During guided reading we will focus on the text *'The Secret Railway'* by Wendy Meddour further developing our love for reading through shared storytelling and comprehension questions.

PHSE

This half term, our enquiry question is "What are families like?" We will be exploring what makes a family and talking about the different features of family life. The children will learn that families can look different and that there are many types of relationships. As part of our No Outsiders work, we will be reading the book *King and King*, which helps children understand that love and care are what make a family, no matter who is in it. Through discussions and activities, we aim to celebrate diversity and teach respect for all families.

Mathematics

This half term we will be focusing on our multiplication and division skills by: recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. We will be writing and calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that we know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.

Finally, we will be solving problems, including missing number problem and involving multiplication and division.

Time Travellers

Why is Henry VIII such an important historical figure?



Power

How did Henry VIII Portray himself as a powerful man?

Reliability

How can we trust the sources that we find?

Influence

How did the Tudors influence and shape religion within the British Empire?

Empire

How did the British Empire develop during the Tudor period?

Physical Education

Monday -Handball, Pass and Catch

Tuesday- Rugby (The children will be learning the skills ready to compete in a rugby festival with school from our Trust)

Friday-Yoga

Science

This term in Science, Year 3 will be learning about rocks, fossils, and soils. Children will explore different types of rocks, comparing them by their appearance and simple properties such as hardness and texture. They will discover how fossils are formed when plants and animals are buried and preserved in layers of rock over millions of years. The class will also learn that soil is made from tiny pieces of rock mixed with organic matter, which is important for plant growth. Through hands-on activities, children will develop skills in observation, classification, and simple testing.

History

This term in History, we will be exploring the fascinating Tudor period. The children will investigate a variety of sources to understand why the Tudors were so important in shaping Britain. They will create a timeline of Tudor monarchs and learn about the lives of the Kings and Queens of this era. A key focus will be Henry VIII—his six wives, his break from the Catholic Church, and how this changed religion in England. Finally, we will look at how exploration during the Tudor period marked the beginnings of the British Empire.

Computing

In computing we will be using block-based programming to control carefully built LEGO models, teaching fundamental coding concepts (algorithms, debugging, sequencing) through fun building challenges. The children will follow careful instructions learning to program motors and sensors to make their creations move, react, and solve problems.

Design Technology

Design, make and evaluate a Tudor house. Identifying suitable materials to be selected and used for a house, considering weight, compression and tension. Use a wide range of tools and equipment to perform tasks such as cutting, shaping, joining and finishing.

Music

This half term the children will develop their knowledge of pitch, rhythm, tempo and beat through the theme of Latin Dance music.

RE

This half term in R.E, we will be following the Newcastle syllabus and focusing on the topic Contents and Significance of the Bible. The children will explore the question: "Some biblical passages are particularly important to Christians. Which are they and why?"