

# How terrible were the Tudors?



## Year 4 Newsletter Autumn first half

2018

Welcome back after the summer break – we hope you enjoyed your summer holidays! This term I look forward to welcoming the children into their new Year Four class and getting to know everyone. Year 4 will bring a range of new challenges and expectations as we move further up Key Stage 2. We have a busy but fun half term ahead ☺ Miss Hague will be the class teacher with Mrs Oldham supporting the class throughout the week.

This term we will begin with a range of getting to know you activities, the children will be familiarizing themselves with the expectations of Year Four, meeting their new teachers and learning about the topics we are studying this half term.

The children will be learning all about the Tudors, including the famous King Henry VIII, his six wives and their fates. We will also be studying Sir Walter Raleigh and Elizabeth I through our class book 'My friend Walter'. We will be experiencing life in the Tudor times during our visit to Bramall Hall Stockport.

Art and design will focus on producing portraits in a Tudor style using the work of Hans Holbein and recreating a Tudor house.

In ICT, we will be using the computer and iPad's to word process work, research and find information.

Our Science topic will aim to answer the question; How could we cope without electricity? We will be exploring electricity through a variety of investigation and practical activities.

Please look out for your Dojo letters if you have yet to sign up so you can keep track of your child's progress by mobile or email. In addition please look out for the after school club letters and home school agreements which will be sent home shortly. These need to be returned as quickly as possible.

I look forward to the coming academic year and getting to know you all better. Please feel free to pop into school if you have any queries or worries.

Miss Hague  
Year 4 Class Teacher & Vice Principal

### Useful websites:

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)  
[www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)  
<https://trockstars.com/>  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/henry\\_viii/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/henry_viii/)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zsgkwmn/resources/1>  
<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>  
<http://www.historyforkids.org/>

MATHS –This half term we will be developing our knowledge of place value working with increasingly large numbers. We will then focus on addition and subtraction. There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts.

ENGLISH We will be reading 'My Friend Walter' by Michael Morpurgo. This book will create a range of writing, drama and art opportunities. We will also be developing our writing skills by writing a number of non-fiction texts relating to the Tudors. In addition we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

PE is on a Monday and Tuesday. Sports coaches will teach the sessions. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, black trainers or pumps. Also, please remember no earrings on PE days. Correct kit = Dojos ☺

HOMEWORK – Homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday.. Homework will consolidate the children's existing skills or build on the teaching throughout the week. Please support your children to complete their homework.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS –Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you. Books will be changed as needed. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.