

# Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 - 2023

## Our theme for Autumn 2 is:

# Terrible Tudors

### Our main focuses are:

- To learn about living things and what they need to keep them alive.
- To learn about the Francis Drake and Walter Raleigh explorations.
- To learn about Elizabeth I and the impact her rule had on the Tudor era.
- To learn how to create an algorithm to complete a task and understand how to write algorithms down.

### Our theme will last for:

9 weeks



## English

The 'Terrible Tudors' is Year 2's non-fiction topic. We will be basing our work on historical non-fiction texts and the book 'The Actor, The Rebel and The Wrinkled Queen.'

Our main focus in writing this half term is to expand our knowledge of different text types and how to adapt our language and sentence structure to best suit the purpose of the text. We will also be learning a lot of new grammar knowledge, such as using commas in lists, co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions and (as we are writing about the Tudors!) a LOT of work on the past tense.

In our reading lessons, we will be focussing on accurate reading and understanding a text to ensure we can answer questions about it. You can practise this skill at home using the questions in the reading journals to support your home reading.



## Mathematics

This term, we will be focussing on four different units: solving calculation problems, exploring shape, generalising arithmetic and reasoning with measures. We will be:

- Adding and subtracting 1 digit and 2 digit numbers using equipment to help us.
- Learning how to add and subtract using the column method (if you would like to support with this at home, please refer to our Calculation Policy on the school website)
- Naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes, including finding lines of symmetry.
- Making different amounts of money using coins and using subtraction to work out the change.

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you could continue to practise mental Maths. strategies and times tables (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s). All methods used in class can be found on the website under the 'Year 2 Maths. calculation policy'.



## P.S.H.E.

We will be learning about how to be a responsible citizen, by taking care of our communities and the environment around us.

We will also be learning about the importance of rules and thinking about how are a different from one another.



## Behaviour and Safety

This half-term, we will be learning about bullying. We will be finding out what bullying looks like and how we can help others who might be being bullied.



## British Values

Our British Value for this half term is Mutual Respect. We will be learning about what respect is and how we can show it to others.



## Music

This half term we will be completing the 'Ho ho ho' activity set using Charanga. We will be learning lots of different songs and learning how to play tuned and untuned percussion instruments to these songs.

## R.E.

This half term we will be learning about Christianity. We will be learning about Christian celebrations, key figures and the stories the religion is based upon.



## Art and Design Technology

In our Art lessons this half term, we will be focussing on recreating Tudor roses in different mediums. We will be using many different techniques such as paint, pastels and tissue paper.

For Design and Technology, we will be creating Tudor carts. Our focus will be on ensuring that they have moving wheels on axels. The children will also be assessing their designs and creations against a success criteria to see if they can make improvements.

## Computing

We will be focussing on creating work, saving and editing on the Seesaw app this half term. We will be focussing on applying these skills across the subjects. We will also be learning about the correct terminology required when using different devices such as mouse, screen, touchscreen, button and keyboard.



## History

We will have a large focus on History this half term as we will be learning all about the Tudor's reign. We will start by learning about Elizabeth I and the impact her reign had on Tudor times. We will also be learning about the famous explorers Francis Drake, who circumnavigated the globe and Walter Raleigh who introduced potatoes to Ireland.



## P.E.

We will be developing our knowledge of playing team games this half term by improving our skills in attacking and defending, teamwork and tactics.

**It is important that your child brings in their P.E. kit on a Monday which will need to stay in school until Friday. This will need to include:**

**Indoor: White t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls.**

**Outdoor: White t-shirt, black jumper, black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and black trainers.**

## Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes, as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half term will be shared via Seesaw over the coming weeks and these can be discussed, practised and looked at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the words and see if they can put them into a sentence! An optional Maths. and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. A topic project will be set in the coming weeks—this one can let your creativity take hold!

## Dates for your diary

Black History Week— W/C 23rd October

Mathematics Investigation Week—W/C 30th October

R.E. Day—Friday 10th October

Parents and Carers evening—Monday 30th October and Thursday 2nd November

Anti Bullying week - W/B 13th November

French Day—29th November

