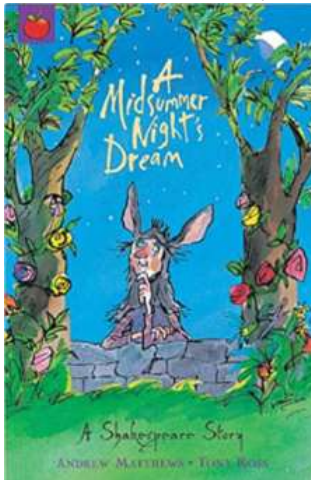


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the lovely weather!

I am really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting things I have lined up for your children.

Again, we are taking a cross-curricular approach to our learning this term as we take a look at Tudor England and how the actions of these monarchs have shaped the world that we live in.



English - Books being covered in guided reading sessions include, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - William Shakespeare; and *Treason* - Bernie Doherty.

In creative writing we will look at Biographies, using the wives of Henry VIII as inspiration, Non-Chronological Reports based on *The Globe Theatre* and Persuasive writing, putting ourselves in the position of Anne Boleyn as she pleads with Henry VIII for her life.



Maths - We will be revisiting place value and Roman numerals at the start of this term before we move on to investigate the properties of different shapes.

We continue to focus on the essential maths skills, such as, speed and accuracy of calculation, multiplication tables and problem solving strategies.



Topic - Off with her head! This topic will look at the reign of the Tudors. The children will learn about Henry VIII, his wives and his children. We will consider his character and what drove him to make some of his most infamous decisions.

Science - Alchemy Island. We will be undertaking exciting experiments this term, which will enable the children to investigate the properties and changes of matter. These will include: Are all changes permanent?

and does everything dissolve?

PSHE - This term our focus will be on relationships.



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PE - Our first focus will be rounder's and cricket. After half term we will move on to look at athletics.

Computing - Using 'Purple Mash' we will be looking at 3-D modelling. We will then be moving on to concept maps.

Music - Our first focus will be on Soul/Mo Town music. We will be learning to sing and to play the recorder to a classic soul tune.

RE - We will begin by looking at reconciliation and the need for rules. This will be followed by a study of Pentecost, in which we will discuss how the Holy Spirit works through us and how we can use our energy for the good of others.

Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows:

- Read (daily) - their school reading book alongside their own choice of books. I would also ask that you encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and give them ideas for their own writing.
- Practise spellings (daily)
- English task/activity (weekly)
- Times table practise (daily)
- Mathematics task/activity (weekly)
- Science homework (homework menu)
- Topic homework (homework menu)

PE

PE lessons will be on a Monday. Please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a hoodie/sweatshirt if the weather is cold or wet, and sun cream as the weather turns warmer. In the interests of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them or cover them with tape.

Looking forward to working with you this term,

Mrs Bayley