



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2



Our history topic for this half term is, 'What was life like in Tudor England?' This is a study of British history dating from 1066 and we will be exploring a significant British monarch. Throughout our learning, we will consider the lives of the rich and poor and how events during this time period have shaped our lives today.



English

During this half term, we will be introducing newspaper reports, which are recounts of different events. We will be using a story called, 'The Queen's Token,' which is a historical adventure set in Tudor times. There will be opportunities for the children to write newspaper articles, describing different events in Henry VIII's life. Following this, the children will write a newspaper report using the story to explain what happened the day a young boy stumbled upon the King's party.



Reading



Please continue to listen to your children read every night at home. We appreciate that at times it is not an easy task, but thank you for your commitment to this.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as reading individually with the class teacher or support staff.

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your child to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

Maths

For this half term, the children will be exploring the relationship between, fractions and decimals. They will also look at telling the time on a 24-hour clock and converting units of time including hours, minutes and seconds.

All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.

By the end of Year 4 children need to know their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.



Science

Our topic for science this half term will be sound. We will be identifying how sounds are created through vibrations around us. We will be exploring how vibrations from sounds travel through to the ear.

We will also be labelling a diagram of the ear and learning the relevant vocabulary for the different parts of the outer and inner ear.



PE

For PE this term, Year 4 will be swimming every **Wednesday** morning. Please make sure your child has:

- Swimming cap and towel (all children)
- Swimming costume (girls)
- Swimming trunks not baggy Bermuda shorts (boys)