



Shakespeare and The Tudors



Our **English** texts this term are Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. We will be looking at the original texts as well as more modern and dramatized versions. Our Take One Book text is The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. The children will explore writing in different genres and for a variety of purposes. This portfolio of work will build up throughout the year and be assessed against the National Curriculum objectives to secure their SATS writing level.

Our **Maths** will continue to build on the knowledge and skills learnt in previous years, allowing the children to secure and use a wide variety of processes. We will have a heavy focus on arithmetic, place value and the four main operations, as these topics underpin most mathematical theories. The children will also explore shape, with specific reference to angles as well as converting units of measure.

Science learning this term will centre on the theme of Blood and the Circulatory System and then Biological classification. We will be investigating the effects of exercise, food and lifestyle on a healthy body and learning of Carl Linnaeus developed a system of grouping all living things.

In **Geography** we will use different locational skills – with atlases and Google Maps, to locate and place Tudor sites in the UK and Europe. We will also explore trade and logistics.

History will have a prominent focus on the Tudor Period – working through a timeline of Kings and Queens of the time. We will start with the Battle of Bosworth to the rein of the Stuarts. We will discuss the various elements of this turbulent period in history – with particular reference to the relationship between the monarchy and religion.

Art and D.T. will continue along a Tudor theme, with the children using different mediums to create various portraits and then clay tiles. They will analyse the work of other artists and study work from the Tudor period.

In **Spanish**, pupils will be continuing to develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. They will explore a wider range of vocabulary – with particular reference to ourselves, subjects at school and when out and about in the city.

In **Computing** we will continue to explore issues around E-Safety. We will also learn about various methods of communications and the science behind the internet. Creating different forms of media will also be covered during the second half of term.

This year sees us launch our new **R.E.** scheme - NatRE. This resource allows the children to explore various religions and beliefs as well as making them think about their own thoughts and beliefs. We will focus on the aspect of Christianity, considering the questions: what would Jesus do and why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

P.E. Our PE days are on Mondays and Wednesdays. The children will have one lesson where they focus on specific games (e.g. football, rugby, tennis etc), the skills and rules of them; then the other session will concentrate on gymnastic and dance.

In **Music** children will be exploring pitch, tempo and dynamics with their voices and instruments. They will learn to identify musical instrument, as well as look at the technology used for recording and producing a variety of sounds.

Homework – topic homework will be posted onto the class page on the website. They can be completed in any order throughout the term. Weekly Arithmetic homework and spellings will also be posted on there (usually on a Friday). Please also ensure regular reading is taking place and signed off in reading records, as well as TT Rockstars played for revision.

SATS – the children will get regular SATS paper practice throughout the year, including this term. This will allow them to become very familiar with the expectations and process, encouraging them to progress positively and become confident in the whole process.