

## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



### Summer 1 2018

Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 5 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child.

Subject	
Literacy	This half-term in Literacy, we will be using "Robin Hood" as our text. We will be using figurative language and developing tension in our writing thinking about the purpose and the audience. In Reading, we will be exploring authors' choice of language and the effect it has on the reader.
Numeracy	This half-term, we will be focusing on interpreting graphs and tables, converting units of measure, both metric and imperial. Children will also learn how to solve problems in time and we continue to work on arithmetic skills.
Science	We will finish off our unit on forces before studying living things and their habitats. We will be examining life cycles of different species of both animals and plants. We will also look at the influence of Charles Darwin. This science topic will last for the whole summer term.
Topic – History / Geography	In History, we be learning about the changing power of monarchy. We will look at Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and England's victory in the Spanish Armada. Then, we will look at the different accounts of Charles I's execution. Finally, we will learn about how the power of the monarchy changed in Tudor and Stuart times.
RE	There will be an RE day (Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May) which will focus on Christians' perception of God.
PE	Outdoor: Cricket is the sport children will be playing this half term. We will work on our fielding, focusing on throwing and catching, and we will develop our batting and bowling skills. Indoor: We will continue to develop our handball skills which will lead into competitive games where children can demonstrate their teamwork.
Music	Year 5 will be learning the songs for their "Robin Hood" performance assembly later this term. They will also be forming a class orchestra to play some traditional English folk tunes.
Art / DT	Our Art is linked to the Tudors topic and we will analyse how, in the past, artists were commissioned by Kings and Queens. The children will learn about portraiture.
MFL (French)	In French, we are finishing the topic of healthy living, which includes giving opinions on sports and some foods, and discussing which foods are healthy or not. Our next topic will focus on animals and their habitats, which should be very popular. Our grammar focus will be on adjectives and how they agree with the nouns they describe. Having assessed children's listening skills on healthy living, Madame Pengas will be assessing their writing skills on the animal topic. If the children wish to practise their French further with some fun and games, please visit the Lingotot website at <a href="http://www.lingototschools.com">www.lingototschools.com</a> (username: hollybrook, password: hollybrook1), where they will find many language games to help them learn and remember their vocabulary.

### Key dates

Minstead residential week – 30<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 performance assembly – 9am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Visit to Tudor House – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May