

Year 3/4 Team Newsletter



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English

This term we continue to link our English work with our History unit on the Tudors. We have started off work by exploring Shakespeare and the children have enjoyed performing scenes from Macbeth!

For our next area we will explore the lives of different Tudor people. We will be finding out about their lives and writing biographies about them. As well as studying famous Tudors, we will also look at the lives of those who died when the Mary Rose sunk. The new museum focuses on the lives of those on board, finding out about them through the artefacts found, so this will lend itself perfectly to our work.

Helping at home

The writing section of the next Learning and Enquiry homework links with the work we will be doing in class on biographies, so please encourage your child to use all they've learnt in class when writing at home.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we have been working hard to ensure **all** children know what they have to do to achieve the next step in their writing. We call these targets the 'Stepping Stones', and your child should be able to tell you all about them and how they help them in their next steps to learning. To further improve your child's writing, it would be useful for all parents to have a greater understanding of how these steps are used so that you can encourage them to include the steps in their writing at home, therefore, we are holding an additional Family Learning Workshop to give you an opportunity to find out more about supporting your child with this. Please read the section on our Family Learning Workshops for further information about this.



Reading

Helping at home

Please continue to support your child with their reading at home. Reading logs are collected **EVERY DAY**, and it is important that an **adult** signs off any reading which the child has done, whether they have read with an adult or independently, so that we can move them up the Reading Chart.

Maths

The 'Quick-fire Maths' is working well to help the children learn the mental maths skills they need to assist them with more complex problems in class.

Helping at home

Please continue to support your child by practising the skills using the different tasks which are sent home on the relevant coloured sheets as part of your homework routine. The children have realised that the 5 seconds they have to answer each question, isn't long and that they really need to be secure in the facts they are learning. Therefore, please help your child practise regularly in order to increase their confidence.





Family Learning Workshops

Our first Family Learning Workshop was extremely well attended, and the children were thrilled to have been able to share their maths games with everyone there. We hope that you found the information session useful with helping your child.



The second Family Learning Workshop for this term will explain more about the Stepping Stones so that you can feel more confident with helping your child implement these into any writing which they do at home. Your child should be able to talk to you about their writing targets and the various elements of effective writing such as 'drop-in clauses', 'causal connectives', 'adverbial starters', or 'subordinating conjunctions'. We would like you to talk with your children about this whenever they are writing at home so that they can consider what they need to do to improve that piece of writing. The workshop will help you to do this.

There will be two workshops for this, one in the day as usual, and one in the evening so that those of you who work during school hours are able to attend. The afternoon workshop will be held on Tuesday 11th June at 2:30pm and will be repeated on Thursday 13th June at 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

RE

We continue with our *Pentecost and Mission* unit for the first part of this term, and then we move onto *Sacraments* when we will be exploring the Sacrament of the Eucharist, studying what happens during Mass and the meaning behind what happens.



Congratulations to all those children who have made, or who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion.

History - The Tudors

As part of our Tudor work, we will be going on a trip to the new Mary Rose museum and then heading to Southsea Castle, where Henry VIII watched the ship sink, for a Tudor workshop. We are very aware of the expense of trips for parents and so have tried to keep the costs as low as we can. If you haven't already returned your permission slip, please do so as soon as possible so that we can organise the groups for the day.



Swimming

The rest of the children in Year 3 will be going swimming during the remainder of this term.

They will be going every Monday from Monday 10th June, up to and including Monday 15th July.

Your child will need their swimming costume (one piece costume for girls), towel, a waterproof bag, £1 refundable deposit for locker (needs to be £1 coin). Long hair should be tied back. Goggles can be worn but are not required.

Please remember to check your child's feet for verrucas. If your child has a one, a verruca sock must be worn.