



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Year 6 Spring Term 1

Tudors



How were children affected by crime and punishment?

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Class 6 Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. I am looking forward this term to see what this Spring term brings - a great opportunity to kick off the new year with fantastic learning, as we continue to Believe, Learn and Grow together into 2023.

As we draw closer and closer to the end of the school year and the end of year 6, we will be using our Gem Powers to deepen and extend all of our learning, in order to become secondary school ready. As always Year Six have will continue to develop their presence in the school, additional responsibilities and leadership roles.

Topic:

This term we will be time travellers delving into the world of Murderous Monarchs by focusing on the Tudor Period. We will be understanding what the key events of the Tudor Period were and when they happened, compared with the chronology of the history of the rest of the world. We will be investigating the reigning monarchs to the time; what life was like in Tudor England and exploring crime and punishment to begin to delve into the question: How were children affected by crime and punishment?

In Science we will also be exploring and investigation Living Things and their Habitats. .

Home Learning:

Children in Year 6 are encouraged to read regularly which needs to be recorded, on your child's 'Boom Reader' online account. The children will also be heard reading during school time by an adult and this will be added to their 'Boom Reader' account. Children have now also been given a book band with our new reading scheme - Big Cats. Children will have a Big Cat book each week to read to improve reading fluency as well as a reading for pleasure book of their choice.

A reading letter has been sent out this week via Parent Mail, explaining the new reading scheme KS2 will be following. The children will receive a new banded book following the new scheme and will then choose any book as their read for pleasure book. Whole Class Reading sessions take place daily, focusing on developing a range of reading skills, including retrieval, inference and explanations skills to encouraging progress.

The spelling home learning will continue to go home the weekly. Spellings will continue to be a big focus in Year 6. We will investigate spelling rules and patterns throughout the week and then these words, along with the curriculum statutory words for Year 6 will be sent home. Children will be given differentiated spellings for the

week, depending on the level they are working at in class. Most children will be given 10 spellings but others might have less. Please use the look, say, cover, write and check format to practise the words at home. Spellings will be given to the children on Monday, investigated throughout the week, followed by a test on Friday. The spellings are set simultaneously both in person and online and can be accessed and practised both in their spelling books and on their Spelling Shed logins.

We will continue to focus on improving our knowledge and speed of times tables using TTRockstars as well as specific focus sessions in class. Each term we will have a focus for our times tables learning but the expectation is that children will need to know all of these now, with quick recall and application, whilst we are in Year 6. If you would like support at home with times tables then please let us know.

Pick 'n' Mix home learning will also be starting the week of 16th January. On this grid, there is a range of home learning activities based on English, Maths, Topic, and RE, as well as activities linked to our value of Trust and Vision or Believe, Learn, Grow. Each on a different leaf. The amount of 'leaves' collected will add to the child's reward: 2 leaves - Bronze; 4 leaves - Silver; and 6 leaves - Gold. The grid also has additional leaves to show the *Reading*, *Spelling* and *Time Tables* home learning which are compulsory.

PE:

PE will be taught on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Children are allowed to wear their PE kits in school for the entire day on their PE days.

PGL:

With Year 6's residential trip to PGL fast approaching in March, we will be conducting a parents' information meeting and will endeavour to answer any queries you may have. This meeting will take place on Monday 6th February at 15:15.

Value: Perseverance

Pressing on

Eager to continue

Running the race

Sticking with things

Encouraging each other to keep going

Valuing the support of others

Eyes fixed on the target

Reaching a goal over time

Aiming to complete the task

Not giving up

Commitment to keep going

Ending up where you want to be

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to another term together.

Mr. Holder.