

RE - Generally separate from the Explorer theme, although we will look a little at the Catholic/Protestant issues of the Tudor times (not in detail!) We will look at Harvest, what we know about Jesus, how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali and Christmas.

ENGLISH / LITERACY

READING - Non-Fiction - how to find information quickly from information books / dictionaries / thesaurus - how to make quicknotes of key information from books and the internet. Guided reading will look at story settings, characters, word meanings.

WRITING - We will all look at different styles of writing for different purposes and audiences - in particular:

YR 3/4 will look at:
Adventure stories - with a historical setting
Instructions - linked to bread-making
Letters
Diaries
Dialogue and Plays
Poetry - playing with language

Yr 5/6 will look at:

Different types of story - adventure, mystery, science fiction.
Play writing - Shakespeare will be studied in particular.
Reports and explanations
Poetry - The Power of Imagery.
All the children will work on spellings, handwriting, grammar and punctuation.

MATHS / NUMERACY

We will begin the term focusing on number - understanding place value, ordering numbers, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will learn different ways to work things out quickly in our head - eg rounding up, using doubles or near doubles. We will look at fractions and yr 5/6 will learn about decimals and percentages. We will study measures - especially mass + length and time. We will particularly look at reading scale - on maps and graphs too. Near Christmas we will study Shape. All term we will work on x tables and adding and subtracting numbers mentally.

MUSIC - TUDOR MUSIC. We will listen to Tudor compositions of music, learn about the instruments of the time. The whole class will be playing some recorder pieces, sing some Tudor songs. We will focus on reading musical notation. Instrument lessons for all KS2 children (recorders for year 3). - orchestra will continue.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

FOOD - Tudor Food, especially bread. Look at what Tudor bread was like - make it. Compare with the many different types of bread we can buy now. Make our own and create our own variations of bread. (Hopefully link to our Harvest Festival)

PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education)

Health - Look at the health of the Tudor people, the health of astronauts and the health of us. How to be healthy and stay that way.

PE Miss Alison's dance lessons. Swimming - organised according to swimming ability. Games skills - football + netball / invasion games.

EXPLORERS

ICT We will work on improving skills in using the internet to research information -> Tudor and Space exploration. Improve skills in word processing + presenting documents -> Publisher.

ART - Portraits. We will look at portraits from Tudor times, especially the work of Holbein. We will develop our skills in drawing and painting ourselves and each other. We will also look at some of the Tudor ships - Golden Hind, Mary Rose and make detailed drawings of them. Other art work may emerge as we work through the theme eg Tudor Roses. Nearer Christmas, we will design our own interpretations of the Nativity scene in drawings and paintings.

GEOGRAPHY -> EXPLORERS. We will look at where the Tudor explorers travelled - using Atlases. We will learn about the continents and how Tudor maps were made. We will compare travel then and now, how they navigated. We will study satellite pictures from space and discover how accurate our maps are now.

HISTORY

TUDOR EXPLORERS - We will study Francis Drake / Walter Raleigh and others. We will set the Tudors in context - looking at the Kings and Queens, what life was like -> what they ate, wore, where they lived, what they did for entertainment. We will look at why the Tudors were explorers, their ships and adventures.

We will also look at Tudor inventions - especially the telescope and link that to the space exploration theme they will be studying through Science. 500 yrs since Henry VIII came to the throne.

SPACE EXPLORERS - HISTORY OF THE MOON LANDINGS - 40 YEARS AGO.

SCIENCE

We will find out about the history of space travel. We will study the Earth in Space, find out about gravity, look at light and shadows, how we see things. We will also study changing sounds.