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## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

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# Look at our learning!

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing & restful Christmas.

This newsletter has lots of helpful information and detail on the areas which we are studying next so please keep it handy.

The children have an exciting term of learning ahead and any opportunities for them to talk & share their learning with you and their siblings is really beneficial for the their learning & their confidence, so please start asking them questions!

### Understanding English

Our literacy units are closely linked with the Tudor topic. The children will be learning many skills including report writing, biographies & instructional writing.

### Knowledge & Understanding of the World

Our topic this term is 'Kings & Queens -the Tudors'. We will be exploring the history of the monarchs, what Tudor England was like, Henry VIII & all his wives as well as childhood in Tudor times. In Science we will focus on medicines used during Tudor times, the health of people & famous scientists.

**Religious Education** will continue weekly with us exploring Islam and Christianity.

**Spanish** will be taught weekly and reinforced throughout the day & across the curriculum.

### Mathematical Development

In Numeracy we will be learning to:

- Recognise properties of adding/subtracting odd/even numbers.
- Recognise negative numbers in context.
- Derive & identify doubles/halves up to 50, double partitioning.
- Derive doubles/halves of multiples of 10-500, 100-5000
- Classify & sketch 2D shapes, symmetry
- 3D shapes, polyhedron, tetrahedron
- Use scales, know the relationship between standard units of capacity
- Read simple timetables
- Measure perimeter, know the difference between area/perimeter
- Construct & interpret bar graphs
- Add numbers by partitioning, estimate & check by approximating
- Subtract 2 & 3 digit numbers.

### Creative Development

We will be making 2D copies of Tudor buildings, exploring Tudor portraits & creating our own Tudor Roses.

In **music** we are pleased that we will have a musician working with us weekly.

### Physical Development

PE lessons are on Monday & Wednesday afternoons. The children will be participating in football & dance. Please can complete (warm) PE kits be kept in school **ALL WEEK**.

### Personal Social Development

We will be continuing to follow the family links 'Nurturing Programme' focusing on developing positive self esteem and personal confidence.

### Reminders & Important Dates

PE sessions are **Monday & Wednesday** so PE kits and suitable footwear must be in school **all week**.

Homework is set every **Thursday**.

Spellings will be sent home every **Friday** and checked every **Thursday**.

Reading homework is ongoing and children should be reading for at least 10 minutes a day.



### Weekly Spellings

Please support your child with learning & practising their spellings.

The children know the 'look, cover, write, check' method. Please remind them to use this strategy.