



Akrotiri School

Y5

Mrs Ashford & Mrs Roberts

Gustav Holst & Johann Bach classes

Spring Term 1 - Information Guide 2018

Our learning this term - Our topic is 'The Tudor Times'.

English – This half term we will be focussing on writing descriptive narrative settings. This will involve looking at how devices of figurative language such as simile, metaphor, personification and imagery can be used to create effective descriptive settings. In addition, we will also be reading a range of different play scripts and using the skills we learn to write some of our own.

Maths – This half term we will be working to develop children's understanding of multiplication and division where they will be learning how to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000, how to recognise and use square and cube numbers, and to use their knowledge of multiplication facts to identify multiples, factors, prime factors and prime numbers. We will also be learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles and compound shapes and using this knowledge to solve a range of problems.

History/Geography – This half term, we will be studying the Tudor period in British history. We will be specifically focusing on identifying when the Tudor period took place, how it began through the War of the Roses, the life of Henry VIII and his six wives and how this brought about the reformation of the church.

Art – We will be using a range of different media throughout the term. We will use clay to create our own Tudor roses and produce artwork inspired by the artist Vincent Van Gogh.

ENRICHMENT and ENGAGEMENT: To launch our 'The Tudor Times' learning theme this term children will have the opportunity to meet one of the key figures from this period in history. As part of our PSHE learning this term, the children will continue to participate in the D.A.R.E programme. The children will be visiting the SBA police station where we will have a tour of the station, experience what it is like to be a police officer and even spend some time in the cells! Later this term, we will be having an Art Day where we will be basing all of our work around a traditional Cypriot tale 'Spanos and the Forty Dragons'. We will also be celebrating 'Number Day' on Friday 2nd February, which this year will be incorporated into a whole school maths week.

READING:

Reading regularly at home is crucial to ensuring children's progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 5 is that the children read at least four times a week at home, for a minimum of one hour in total. It is important that your child's reading book and reading diary come into school **every day**. The children need to use their reading diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. Reading diaries will be monitored weekly by Mrs Ashford and Mrs Roberts.

The reading diary also includes a section each week for any additional notes regarding homework, reminders for the children, as well as a space for parents to communicate messages to the teachers. If there ever is a message for us, please can you ask your child to hand the diary directly to either Mrs Ashford or Mrs Roberts.

Our focus text this half term is the novel 'Children of Winter' by Berlie Doherty. We will be using the text to identify key grammar features, deepen the level of children's responses in addition to exploring effective story settings.

HOMEWORK: A new homework sheet with a range of activities linking to this term's learning theme will be provided. Homework books will be sent home on a Friday and should be brought into school on a weekly basis when completed. My Maths will also be set on a regular basis.

SPELLING: A spelling list will be sent home each Monday and tested the following Monday. We ask that you support your child at home also (to promote the importance of accurate spelling.) We are focussing on Year 5 spellings from the National Curriculum but children may be set other spellings.

MENTAL MATHS FOCUS: In class we are trying to focus on children's general arithmetic and wider problem solving skills. Times tables and rapid recall of facts will be a main focus as these permeate all maths topics. Please continue to practise these skills at home.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: Every Monday and Friday

French: Lessons will continue this half-term