



Starfish Class

Summer 1

GET READY TO:
LEARN see DO
read EXPLORE
question GROW
laugh IMPROVE smile
try write SHARE
imagine CONNECT
DO YOUR VERY BEST

“Were the Tudors terrible or terrific?”

Our learning in April and May



This half term, we will learn about the 118 years of Tudor history. The Tudors were a fascinating dynasty of kings and queens who had a massive impact on English history. During this unit, we will cover the following areas:

- Who were the Tudors and when did they reign?
- Was the Battle of Bosworth a turning point in history?
- What can we tell about Henry VIII from his portraits?
- What can we learn about Henry VIII from historical sources?
- Why is Henry VIII remembered?

English:

Our English work will start with explanation texts using an amazing new ‘Teacher Pleaser’ machine. A new innovation, ‘The Parent Pleaser 2023’ is expected soon after. This will be followed by a recount in the form of a diary or biography linked to our Tudor topic.

Maths:

Our focus for this term will be on fractions and the written methods for multiplication and division. We will cover:

- Understand the denominators of unit fractions.
- Understand the whole.
- Compare and order fractions.
- Fractions and scales.
- Fractions on a number line.
- Equivalent fractions as bar models and on a number line.
- Mass and capacity: At home, please encourage your child to practise measuring mass with grams and kilograms using traditional scales and measure liquids in millilitres and litres. This would be a good opportunity for some cooking or baking!

Children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of year 3. We will continue to progress through the times table challenge with a test each **Tuesday** on the individual table being learnt.

Practice sheets will continue to be sent home each week to reflect the table that children are focussing on. In addition, can children please continue to practice their target table on

'TTRockstars', selecting the jamming game choice which will then allow them to play, focusing on just their own target times table.

Other curriculum areas include:

- PE – Dance and Tag Rugby
- DT – Cooking: Tudor biscuits
- Music – Brass lessons will continue Tuesday afternoons
- PSHE – Diverse Britain
- Science - Plants
- RE – What do different people believe about God?
- French – Children will be taught by a specialist French teacher (Mrs Duncan) on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Computing – Coding: Sequencing sound: creating sequences to make music

Supporting learning at home:

- **Spellings:** Spellings will be taught in school and lists will **not** be sent home to learn.
- **Reading:** Every child needs to read frequently. In year 3, children need to read for at least 15-20 minutes most days and talk to an adult about what they have read. Please encourage your child to use their reading diary to record the reading that they have done each day and obtain a signature from an adult who has listened to them. Reading diaries will be checked and books changed every **Monday**.
- **Times Tables:** Children will work on our times table challenge with a test on their individual focus table on a **Tuesday**.
- **Homework:** Children will be set weekly homework. It will follow this pattern: English will be set on Fridays. This will be due back on the following Wednesday. Maths will be set on Tuesdays and be due back on the Monday the following week. You may support your child in tasks but if they are struggling, please ensure they know that they can ask us for help. Additionally, please include a note on their homework indicated any support they have received. Please remind your child to RAG their work, giving a reason if they are Red or Amber. They are familiar with RAG! We also ask that the work with your child as part of the learning process so they can see where they have gone wrong and celebrate success. Work is still double checked at school.

Useful information:

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a coat every day so that we can go outside. Also ensure that EVERYTHING is named! If it isn't, we cannot return it.

PE: During Summer 1, we will have PE on a **Wednesday** and a **Thursday**.

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell us, please contact us via the school office (julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or on 01332 831471). One of us will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Dilleigh and Mrs Williams