

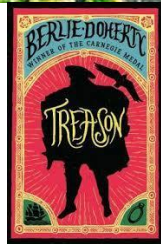
Autumn Term Two, Year 5

Welcome from Phase Lead

It has been wonderful to welcome back the children, who clearly have a lot of motivation and enthusiasm for the upcoming 8-week half-term! We are really excited to begin our interesting lessons, thrilling activities, and limitless chances to succeed. Our new History themed topic is 'Who was the most powerful monarch in history?' and will undoubtedly ensure that the children will leave school each day with new and intriguing information.

Mrs Kane

We are
reading...



Important Dates:

- 13th November-
Assessment Week (*summative tests in Reading, Maths and SPaG*)
- 13th November-
Antibullying Week
- 20th November-
Road Safety Week
- 25th November

Winter Fayr

- 20th December
Christmas lunch

English

In English this half term, we will be reading the narrative poem "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes. We will be using this as inspiration to write our own suspense story. In the second part of the half term, we will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of a Tudor monarch as well as a soldier during the Christmas Day truce. Our SPaG focus this half term will be tense and in reading we will be continuing to practice answering different VIPERS questions.

Maths



In maths this half term, we will be continuing our learning on multiplication and division. We will be working on using the column method to answer larger multiplication questions and the bus stop method for division as well as applying this knowledge to worded problems. Towards the end of the half term, we will be starting our learning on fractions.

Science

In science, we are continuing our learning about properties of materials. We will be planning and conducting experiments to find out which materials dissolve to form a solution as well as learning how to separate materials. We will also be learning about reversible and irreversible changes.

History

In history this half term, we will be learning about Britain's Kings and Queens. We will start by using our chronological knowledge to learn about key monarchs such as King John, King Charles I and Queen Victoria. We will be focusing on the Tudors by learning about Henry VIII's wives and debating whether Henry VIII was a good king. We will also be learning the catchy Horrible Histories song to help us name all the Kings and Queens – feel free to test us!

Art/DT

We will be taking inspiration from the renaissance artist Hans Holbein, who famously painted Tudor monarchs such as Henry VIII. We will be looking at how we can use proportions to make our portraits more realistic as well as mixing colours and tints needed for a portrait.

Music

In music this half term, we will be exploring musical theatre. We will delve into the history of musical theatre and identify what key features are needed in a musical production. We will then start to plan, practice and hopefully perform our own musicals in groups.

PSHE

In our unit of Celebrating Differences, we will be learning about:

- Respecting and celebrating different cultures.
- Understanding how to stop racism
- Understanding the importance of not spreading rumours
- Comparing wealth with the developing world

Computing

In computing, we will be using the iPads to create media including video production. Children will be taught different filming techniques as well as the importance of the editing process and evaluating their work.

PE

Mercury PE Days - Tuesday and Friday
Vesta PE Days – Thursday (swimming) and Friday

In PE, both classes will be learning about football. Vesta will be continuing with their swimming lessons and Mercury will be learning about gymnastics.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit including trainers.