

### English – Biographies and Stories Set in the Past

In week 1, children will focus on SPaG, looking at Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for years 5 and 6.

In weeks 2-4, children will be learning about biographies and find out which language and presentational features are often used by writers within this genre. Children will then use research and practise using these language and presentational features to plan and write a biography to inform others about King Henry VIII.

In weeks 5-7, children will be working on writing an adventure story set in the past. We will use our knowledge of Tudor Monarchs to plan and write a story set in Tudor times.

In Guided Reading this term, we will be using our core text – *Treason* by Berlie Doherty – to answer retrieval and inference questions as well as exploring key words and phrases with the text, as well as numerous Tudor information texts, will also support our writing.

### Science – Evolution and Inheritance

In term 2, children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution and will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution.

### History – The Changing Powers of the Tudor Monarchs

This term, children will be learning about the Tudors, but specifically Monarchs of the time. We will be using timelines to find out how and when each monarch reigned, and what each monarch did during this time. We will discover the changes to England that took place, particularly with regards to the church. A big focus will be on King Henry VIII, arguably the most famous of the Tudor monarchs, as we will look at his life, family and reign in detail to link with our writing.

### Computing – Media – Web page creation

This term we will be researching what makes a good website and designing our own. To do this we will need to explore the purpose of websites, common layouts, content and use navigation paths, images and hyperlinks.

## The Tudor Monarchs: Who, What, When?



### Meerkats Class Term 2

2022/23

Mrs Hawke  
and Mrs Midgely

### Music – Jazz 2

This term's music builds on previous learning. All the learning is focused around two tunes and improvising: Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues. Children will continue to read music and use their voices and instruments to play to the music.

### PSHE and RE

In PSHE this term, we will be working on the unit 'Celebrating Differences'. Children will learn to respect everyone's similarities and differences through looking at different cultures and racism. We will revisit the 5 types of bullying during anti-bullying week (w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Nov) and use drama to problem solve how to help if someone is being bullied.

In RE, we will examine the idea of what is fair and what religions teach about justice. We will find out about the teachings of Paul and Jesus in relation to Christian agencies and express our ideas and beliefs about treating others with justice and love through story and drama.

### Art – Tudor Portraits

This term, we will be looking at Tudor portraits. We will learn how they were painted to display a monarch's character, power and status. We will be learning how to draw portraits using the correct proportions for a face and whole body, and then use these skills to sketch a portrait of King Henry VIII in the style of Hans Holbein. We will then develop our pastel colouring techniques before adding colour to our portraits in oil pastel.

### Maths – The Four Operations

This term we will finish the unit started last term: the four operations. Year 5 and 6 will continue to learn separately following different objectives to allow them to use the correct methods and language for their year groups. Once we have completed the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division unit, we will move onto exploring area, perimeter and, for year 6s, volume.

### PE – Dynamic Balance and Counter Balance

This term we will continue using our new PE platform: Real PE!  
In Autumn 2 the whole school will be working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Multi-Ability Skill; 'Social Skills'. Meerkats will practise this while playing games indoors to develop our social, balance and co-ordination.