

Shobnall Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope that you have had a fun and restful break and return refreshed and well rested.

This half term our topic is

Taking a bite out of History!

The main theme running through our learning this half term will be the Tudors. This History unit will continue for the whole Summer Term and give the children an in depth understanding of this exciting period in British History. This will be linked to our Art unit which will see the children create their own shields complete with a family coat of arms. The aim is for the unit to culminate in a Tudor Banquet later in the Summer Term, which the children will create themselves using their new knowledge of Tudor food. In the Summer Term, the children will also enjoy two interesting units in Science, these being Teeth and the Digestive System and Food Chains and Adaptation. The class will also continue to widen their knowledge of different types of writing, by studying Stories in a Familiar Setting in which Horrid Henry will be used as the theme as well as producing a persuasive piece of writing.

Please ensure your child has a school book bag, so that they can bring their reading book and reading diary to school each day.

PE Kits:

P.E. activities may be indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather, so children need an indoor kit (black shorts and a plain white T-shirt) and an outdoors kit (jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/tracksuit) as well as pumps or trainers.

P.E. kits are kept in school until the end of half term, as P.E. times may vary throughout the year. For health and safety, children who wear earrings should have these removed on P.E. days, if they are not removed your child will be unable to take part in the P.E. lesson (teachers are not permitted to remove or tape up earrings).

P.E. days are Mondays and Wednesdays

Swimming will also continue every Tuesday unless specified.

Please ensure that ALL your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Children often misplace items and it is very difficult to find them if they are not labelled. In the morning, children in Year 4 should be dropped off at the bottom of the ramp on the KS2 playground where they will be greeted by either Mr Adams or Mr Cruise. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please inform the teacher on the door and any messages will be passed on or an appointment made if necessary. At the end of the day the children will be dismissed at the bottom of the ramp on the KS2 playground.

Homework

For homework, we ask that the children read for at least 10 minutes every night, and talk about the books they are reading as this will support enjoyment, fluency and understanding. Once the children have read, it is important they make a note in their reading diary that they have done so as this enables me to monitor each child's reading. There will be a piece of English, Maths and Spelling homework set every Friday and collected by the teacher the following Wednesday.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours sincerely

Mr T.Yates, Year 4 Teacher



P.E

- ◆ **Swimming and Athletics**
- ◆ Taught by both Mrs Welch and Mr Yates.
- ◆ The children will continue to work towards their swimming badges and the preparation for Sports Day.

Science

- ◆ **Teeth and the Digestive System**
- ◆ The children will learn about their teeth and digestive systems.
- ◆ The focus will be to understand the correct names for the various body parts as well as how the system works.



Computing

- ◆ Typing and basic computer skills: saving and retrieving work.
- ◆ Using computer programs to gather data.
- ◆ Lessons on how to use the internet safely to research information.
- ◆ Internet safety.



English

Stories in a Familiar Setting

- ◆ The children will use the Horrid Henry stories as inspiration for this topic.
- ◆ The class will create their own Horrid Henry story using their already existing knowledge about the character and the skills they learn about high quality fictional writing.



Instruction Writing

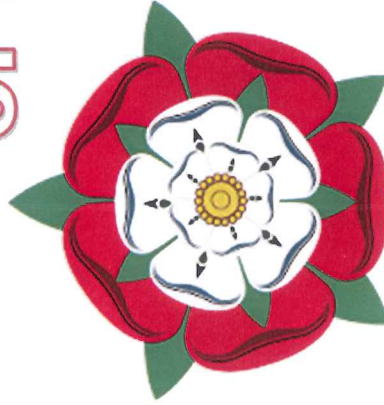
- ◆ This unit will aim to show the children the value of clear instructions and the need to break down a task into sensible parts whilst using the correct language.

History

- ◆ **The Tudors**
- ◆ Battle of Bosworth
- ◆ Henry VIII and his wives
- ◆ Tudor houses
- ◆ Tudor food
- ◆ Tudor life



Taking a bite out of History Year 4 Summer 1



Maths

- ◆ Place value
- ◆ Addition and subtraction
- ◆ Money
- ◆ Shape
- ◆ Position and Direction
- ◆ Decimals
- ◆ Weekly home-work.



P.S.H.C.E

Citizenship

- ◆ The children will be learning about different cultures and how it is important to respect the differences and similarities between them.



Art

Art Project

- ◆ Our Art will be linked to our History topic.
- ◆ The children will learn about the symbol for the Tudor family which was the red rose.
- ◆ They will then design their own rose symbol for their family.
- ◆ The children will use a variety of skills to produce the rose.



R.E.

Religious Stories

- ◆ The children will learn about 3 religions from 3 different religions.
- ◆ The stories will be David and Goliath, The Story of Bhaj Lalo and The Birth of the Prophet Mohammad.



MUSIC

- ◆ **Ancient Worlds—Singing in Spanish**
- ◆ Music will be delivered by Mr Mansfield every Friday.
- ◆ Weekly singing practice with Mr Adams with the whole school.

