

<p>English In our Novel study this term, we will be looking at 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', by the esteemed author Philip Pullman. This book revolves around the themes of persistence, bravery and adventure.</p> <p>Reading and writing At the start of the term, we will be looking at poetry linking to fireworks that have a particular focus on onomatopoeia, similes and alliteration. This will lead to the class writing their own poems relating to fireworks.</p> <p>Including through formal letter writing, we will continue to build strong and more complex sentence structures, including those that contain subordination.</p> <p>We will look at the text in terms of retrieving information and will draw increasing complex inferences and discussing this to determine how we each interpreted the text.</p> <p>Grammar Improving punctuation - with a particular focus on proper nouns, commas and apostrophes. Focus on how the use of pronouns can be used to improve sentences. Using inverted commas to indicate direct speech.</p> <p>Speaking and listening Using Standard English. Widening vocabulary. Debate: Listening to others and putting views forward with a supporting argument.</p>	<p>Art & Design Early in the term we will briefly look at the American artist Jackson Pollock. Known for his abstract expressionism, the children will be encouraged to recreate his painting techniques alongside their firework poetry.</p> <p>We will also study the techniques associated with portrait drawing and will use our sketch books to record our sketchings of key Tudor figures including Henry VIII.</p>	<p>Computing We will spend this term looking at being safe on the internet in the build up to internet safety week where the children will be made aware of the dangers on the internet and how they can be avoided. We will also spend time on touch typing helping the children improve the speed and accuracy of their typing.</p> <p>Geography The topic will link back to explorers during the Tudor times and what lands they were able to discover. We will explore the countries and continents that Sir Francis Drake and Christopher Columbus travelled to and what they were like then compared to now - continuing to compare them to Shepshed and the UK.</p>
<p>Mathematics We will begin this term by looking at our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and how we can use multiplication facts to help us solve divisions questions and word problems. We will then expand our knowledge by multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and look into the different ways we can solve these problems. We will then be looking at money and statistics, specifically pictograms and bar charts. We will then finish the term by looking at length and the perimeter of shapes learning how to use a ruler and meter sticks properly. We will also make sure to review the work we have learnt previously on addition, subtraction and place value.</p>	<p>Design and Technology We will use a variety of media to design and make items such as Tudor houses from recyclable items and clay pots from air dry clay.</p> <p>The children will also use binca material to help them sew a cross stitch image of a Tudor rose.</p>	<p>Music We will start music this term by following the work on charanga and specifically the work of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds" and "The dragon song" which is a song about kindness, respect and friendship.</p>
<p>Science We will start the term by finishing off our work on rocks. We will study how fossils are formed and how soil is made from rocks and organic matters. We will then look into the study of light and how light interacts with different types of surfaces as well as shadows including, how they are formed and how the size and shape of a shadow can changed.</p>	<p>History This term our theme is "We are Royalty". This will lead us to looking at the Kings and Queens during the Tudor times and how this links into the timeline of the Romans. We will look in detail as to how the Tudor family gains the throne and why Henry VIII is such a famous king. We will also study the Spanish Armada and how this invasion failed.</p>	<p>Modern Foreign Languages We will continue our topic on 'getting to know you'. The children will learn how to introduce themselves, ask others their name or age and express to people how they are feeling. We will also recap on our numbers and colours.</p> <p>PE Mr H will be taking the children for one lesson a week the first half term looking at ball skills and specifically hockey. In the other PE lesson the children will be exploring the medium of dance.</p> <p>During the second half term the children will be partaking in swimming lessons.</p>
<p>RE We will think about the question 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' We will also look at chinese new year in relation to our novel study and then how Easter is celebrated around the world.</p> <p>PHSE, including British Values We will think about new beginnings and what we want to achieve this year. We will think about the rule of law and how this relates to us within school.</p>		



