



This term the Year 2 topics this term are **Henry VIII and the Tudors** and also **The World**. The topic offers many cross-curricular opportunities and will be closely linked to our DT and Art work.

This term's topics:

Topics: Henry VIII and the Tudors

All about the World

Science: Materials

Art: Aboriginal Art

Spring Term in Year 2

Welcome back to a new and exciting term in year 2. This term the children will be studying many new and exciting topics, whilst also revisiting some of the key concepts they have already learnt in order to help them build on this further and broaden their knowledge and understanding.

We hope that the following information is useful in helping you support your child at home with their learning.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child understands what they have read.

There will also be one to two pieces of curriculum based work. These should be completed by pupils within a 20 minute time frame.

Work will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Websites



Topic

www.barnabybear.co.uk (geography)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/>

(click on Tudors)

Maths

[http://resources.woodlands-](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/)

[junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/)

www.topmarks.co.uk (Hit the Button

game)

www.nrich.maths.org

Literacy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

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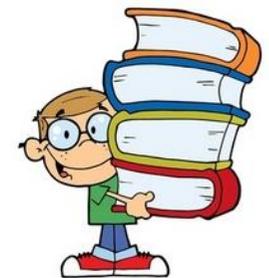
Science

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z4yycdm/resources/1)

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Class visits, visitors and special events

We are hoping to organise a visit from Chertsey Museum and we will let you know more details nearer the time.



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

This term the children will be covering:

Number – addition and subtraction, odd and even numbers, halving and doubling, multiplication as repeated addition and arrays, times tables – 2s, 5s, 10s and counting in 3s, partitioning (hundreds, tens and units), number pairs to 10, 20 and 100 and fractions – halves, quarters, three quarters and thirds.

Measurement– Weighing, Time, capacity

Shape- 2 and 3 D shape

Data handling- interpreting block graphs

There will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. You can help your child by asking them to explain the methods they are using to solve problems in homework tasks. It is also useful to practise multiplication tables with them.

English

This term the children will be:

- Exploring letter writing.
- Using the correct form to write a recount, e.g. including time connectives
- Reading and discussing stories from other cultures.
- Writing their own poetry.
- Exploring different genres of writing about night time with 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about the properties of materials. The children will investigate different materials and use scientific vocabulary to describe the materials. They will sort the materials according to their properties and give reasons to justify their thinking. In addition, the children will also get the opportunity to investigate how materials can be changed.

We will be beginning our preparation for SATS this term. Please help to support your child by completing their home learning and reading with them regularly.

As part of their wider, topic related studies...

History

This term the children will be learning about Henry VIII. We will be learning about why he created the Church of England and what life was like in Tudor times.

Computing

In ICT the children will be continuing to learn about the importance of E-safety and will be exploring how computer games work and we will create their own game. The children will also be developing their programming skills and looking at the use of email.

PE

Please ensure that children have their PE kits in school at all times and that their kit is named and their plimsolls fit. We will also work on ball skills in our games lessons and improving our balancing skills. We will be focusing on creating gymnastic sequences using skills learnt last term.

PSHE

Our topics this term are 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be me'. We will be talking about what makes us special and what makes us different from each other.

RE

We will be looking at the importance of symbols and prayer in religion and we will learn about the importance of Easter.

Geography

We will be learning about our world. The children will learn how to use an atlas and will learn to name continents and oceans. They will create fact files about a country of their choice and based on their own research.

Art

We will be looking at Aboriginal artists and will have the opportunity to create our own artwork using the techniques of painting, print making and collage. Please provide a named apron or old, large shirt for your child to keep in their tray.

Design and Technology

We will be applying our science knowledge to choose appropriate materials to design and construct a model Tudor house.

Music

We will be learning how to play the recorder. Please ensure that your child brings their recorder to school each week on **Tuesdays**.