BHPS Curriculum Information

Year 5 Summer 1 2021

Our Topic this half term is:

How did an Elizabethan Farmhouse save a king?

We will be learning about:

- The Tudor and Stuart monarchs.
- Why Henry VIII had six wives and what happened to each of them.
- What life was like for rich and poor in Tudor and Stuart times.
- Who William Shakespeare was and entertainment during Tudor and Stuart times.
- Oliver Cromwell - what caused the English Civil war and the execution of Charles I?
- How the Stuarts dealt with the 1665 Plague and Great Fire of London of 1666.
- King Charles II, his time at Moseley Old Hall and how and why the Whitgreave family helped him.

How can you help your child at home?

- Share books with your child and listen to them read – remember to record the pages read in the reading record for the class teacher.
- Talk to them about what they have been learning about at school.
- Test them on their times tables and spellings regularly (Year 5/6 spellings are in their reading record)
- Encourage and support them to complete their English and Maths homework (Always Bees do their homework)
- Find out about the Stuart era and what life was like for everyday people by using videos from YouTube, websites like www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk and National Geographic for kids.

In Literacy we will be doing lots of work linked to our Learning Challenge topic. This includes writing for a range of different purposes, for example we may write about…

- Non-chronological report about Henry VIII's wives
- A diary as if they are Charles II escaping from The Battle of Worcester.
- Discussion about Charles I's execution
- Newspaper reports about the Plague
- A short story linked to the King's escape

Our guided reading sessions will look at a fictional story of Sir Walter Raleigh, and we may look at stories based on William Shakespeare's famous plays.

In Science we will are learning about **Animals, including humans.**

We will be revising and learning about:

- Life cycle of humans
- How we develop from conception to old age; focusing on puberty.
- We will have a session with the nurse to build on their understanding of hygiene and discuss puberty changes and how they can support and manage these changes.
- We will discuss the importance of understanding one another (compassion and empathy) as life changes bring different challenges to us all.

PE We will be linking our Tudor topic to Tudor dancing; choreographing our own Tudor dance routine and performance.

Athletics: running, throwing and jumping to support the development of their coordination, agility, speed and stamina.

Art:

Developing sketching skills by shading and blending when drawing Moseley Old Hall. The Tudor Rose – designs using computer art.

Music:

Developing an understanding of Tudor instruments and music composed in that era (Greensleeves).

Homework will be given weekly on a Monday

- 2 pieces of homework; 1 literacy and 1 numeracy homework linked to our learning of the previous week.
- Homework will be handed in on **Friday**- Always Bees do their homework
- Read at home each day (20 minutes is ideal), recording this in your reading record, practise times tables (multiplications and divisions) by using TTRS for your weekly tests.
- Spelling tests are every **Friday** – learn them to the best of your ability to apply in your writing. Spelling Shed assignments and challenges will be set weekly to support you.
    - BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE – BUILD THAT CONFIDENCE TO SUCCEED!