



Year 3 Curriculum Slice: Spring 2017

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The Terrific Tudors

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. We hope you have had a relaxing holiday. As in the autumn term, the information in this leaflet, will tell you of ways in which you can continue to help your child. It will also inform you about what we will teach your child this term.

Please make sure that homework diaries come into school **every day** so that we can use them to communicate with you, when the need arises. The diaries will be signed each week by the class teacher and an adult at home. Please try to read with your child on a regular basis. We suggest hearing your child at least three times each week for 5 -10 minutes.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and needs to be completed and **returned to school by the following Tuesday**. It is perfectly acceptable for you to help your child. Your support is priceless for their development.

The children continue to be expected to learn their times tables. Last term we focused on reinforcing their 2, 5 and 10 x tables and began to introduce the 3 and 4 x tables. These will be consolidated this term and we will extend on to the 6 and 8 x table. These are a vital skill which the children need to progress across the Maths curriculum. They will be tested on their x tables regularly and given a target.

The new weekly spellings sheet will continue to be sent out. Spelling is now a skill rated very highly by the government and impacts on your child's overall success. In year 3 our focus tends to be on learning the rules of spelling. Some of these are very clear and defined, but there are lots of irregular spellings too. Spending time with your child, discussing the patterns and irregularities will really support them in retaining and applying the rules.

Each class has 2 PE lessons each week. All children are expected to participate. Letters or a note in their homework diary is required if, for any reason your child cannot take part. Children need a full P.E. kit, including pumps or trainers. Because PE lessons take place outside, the children can wear jogging bottoms or leggings as well as their school jumpers.

Children cannot wear earrings during PE. Teaching staff are not allowed to remove them for a child. Please remove your child's earrings on the morning of PE if they are unable to themselves. Also, long hair must be tied back. Our PE days remain the same as in the autumn term. But there are often opportunities and occasions when we would like to do an additional lesson. It would be best if the children keep their PE kits in all the time.

PE Days; Monday: Sportscape children

Tuesday; 3AD, 3G McD, 3JT

Thursday; 3AD, 3JT

Friday: 3G McD

We deliver a creative curriculum, where we teach all the elements of the foundation subjects through our topic theme. This gives the children greater purpose and additional inspiration for their learning. We will also make cross curricular links with our topic to Maths and English.

Our topic this term is 'The Terrific Tudors.'

Through our topic, the children will learn about the local area. This will include map work and learning about the history of Crewe and Cheshire; looking geographically and historically where the Tudors resided. We will also look at the how land use has changed and the reasons for this.

We will also focus on Tudor times, learning about life as a Tudor; including the houses, clothes, food, schooling, and jobs. We will also look at key influential Tudor figures including Henry VIII and Shakespeare. We also hope to visit a Tudor house and participate in a range of activities learning to experience life in Tudor times.

As requested last term, please could you ensure your child is provided with an old shirt to wear as an apron to protect their uniforms when we do creative activities.

In English, the children will continue to develop their skills in writing looking at narrative, poetry and non-fiction styles including play-scripts, reports and instructions. We will look at texts based on the Tudors, and stories set in familiar places. We will also look at some of Shakespeare's plays.

In maths, mental skills continue to be a big focus. The children practise daily to develop quick responses to simple mental calculations such as number bonds, number families, doubles and halves as well as times tables. We will also extend the children's previous learning focusing this term on: Multiplication and division, fractions and measures. In addition, there will be a weekly challenge to develop the children's problem solving and reasoning skills.

In Music, the children will continue music lessons with our music specialist, Mrs Brown. As well as learning the recorder, they will continue developing their music theory skills including understanding music notes and their values, rhythm and keeping to a beat.

While Madame Sharpe will continue the excellent work, she has already done with the children learning French.

There will be an opportunity for parents to come in and join the children with their learning this term. We hope to see as many of you as can join us. Separate letters will be sent out detailing these events.

We were so proud of all the children, after a fantastic autumn term. It was lovely to see them grow and mature as they settled into life as juniors. We are all very excited about the learning that we have planned for this term. We hope the positive attitudes, enthusiasm and successes of last term will be built upon this term and throughout the rest of the year.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher - we are approachable and willing to listen.