



Blue Jays



Newsletter Term 1

The Tudors!

The topic for this term in Blue Jays is 'The Tudors'. This is a very exciting term where we will be able to explore a lot of the history around the monarchy of England. We will be learning about the start of the Tudor reign and what life was like for Tudor people back then and how this compares between the classes and modern living today. Also, we will learn about the Battle of Bosworth and the wives of King Henry VIII.

English

The English Skills we will be focusing on this term will be implemented in all of our writing. The main focus of the term will be around using adjectives (describing words), creating our paragraphs around a theme and using fronted adverbials to open our sentences.

Children will continue to have opportunities to borrow books from the library and receive books from our Reading Rebels scheme. We ask for your support to listen to your child read. When reading please take time to ask questions about the book read: What characters were in the story? Which words did the author use to describe the characters or settings? In an information book what features can you spot? (Contents, index, glossary, subtitles, diagrams etc.)

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term and be displayed on the website. Children will be tested on these words on Fridays. It is important that your children are able to spell these words and, even more importantly, use these spellings in their independent writing.

Brain Builders

Brain Builders are sent home on a Friday and support the learning in class. There is also the expectation that Brain Builders are completed to a high standard. Please return Brain Builders by Wednesday to allow time to share them with the class and for them to be marked!

Maths

This term in maths we will be focusing on revising what your children learnt in year 3 and consolidating their knowledge of place value. We will also be learning addition and subtraction methods that the children can use to solve reasoning problems. Furthermore, we will be using Probots in computing to gain a deeper understanding of 2D shapes and their properties.

Every morning in Blue Jays we have a mental maths session. This term we will be working on our 4, 5 and 6 times tables. Every Friday we will also have a 'Big Maths' test, this is to improve the children's multiplications. We ask for your support and encouragement to practice these with your children.

Things to have in school

Please send your child with a water bottle - it is shown that water and being hydrated can help concentration!!

Support

If you would like any support and guidance to support your child's learning please feel free to come and speak to Mr Watts.