

Year 6's Newsletter

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Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a great holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the challenges and exciting opportunities which await you this year.

This half term we will be learning about life during the Tudor times. We will be investigating what it was like to live during the Tudor period and looking at differences between then and today. Opportunities for children to follow their own lines of enquiry will form a vital part of this topic and we have already started to find out about what the Tudors ate and how they spent some of their leisure time by participating in a Tudor theme day which included a Tudor banquet.

English



Linking to our Tudor topic, our literacy focus this half term is based around William Shakespeare's play *Macbeth*. The children have already started to gain a deep understanding of the text and have been discussing some challenging questions surrounding what motivated Macbeth's action throughout the play.

In preparation for the SATs later this year, we will be having regular reading lessons and dedicated spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions every week.

This term we will be looking at literature by the author Louis Sachar. As part of this, we will be reading his book 'Holes' as our class novel and some of his other works will be available in the reading area.

Maths



In maths, we will be looking at a variety of topics this half term. Forthcoming topics in this subject include: Number and Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions. We will be exposing children to problem solving activities and hope to see their resilience in tackling such problems continue to grow.



Sporting Activities

This year the children will be continuing to receive high quality specialist sports coaching. Year 6 will have hockey, tennis, yoga, swimming and HIIT (high intensity interval training) once per week. Please ensure children have appropriate PE kits, including footwear, so that they can participate in these activities.

Hockey: Monday

Swimming: Monday

Tennis: Wednesday

Yoga: Thursday

HIIT: Friday

I would like to take this opportunity to express how much I am looking forward to teaching your children this year and look forward to working in partnership with you. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with your child's learning at home. It has a highly positive impact on their performance in the classroom during such an important year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself (Mr Blackwell) or Mrs Sattar.