

Class 5

The Bliss Charity School



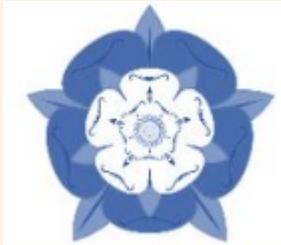
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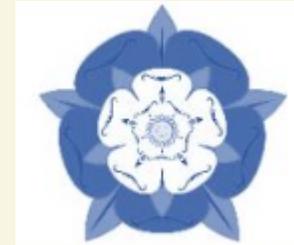
Dear families,

Welcome back to Term 5! I am excited to be taking over as the teacher in Class 5 alongside Miss Thompson and would like to welcome Mr. Ferrier as our teaching assistant. Our topic this term is 'The Tudors' – we have lots of great learning to squeeze in to the next 6 weeks. Children are rocketing along with their reading challenge - please keep up the good work with reading at home! Many thanks, Miss. Jenkinson

Term 4 Topic:



Macbeth & The Tudors



Our main literacy focus this term will be Shakespeare's play, Macbeth. We will be exploring the story in simplified form first before going on to study his original text. Children will be dramatising parts of the play; investigating and exploring characters' thoughts and actions; experimenting with Shakespearean language through poetry; and carrying out writing tasks linked to the play. These will include writing their own modern-day version of the murder scene; writing letters in role as characters; and writing newspaper articles about Macbeth's eventual downfall. Keep an eye out on Twitter to see their work as the gory story of Macbeth unfolds!

Alongside Macbeth, children will be studying the Tudor period in which Shakespeare lived. They will be finding out about how Henry Tudor came to power in the Battle of Bosworth and then all about the successive Tudor monarchs by carrying out their own research project in groups. Children will hone their ICT skills by creating flashy PowerPoint presentations with images, transitions and hyperlinks. They will also be finding out about daily life for rich and poor Tudor citizens including their medical knowledge and job opportunities.

In art/ DT, children will be creating Tudor style portraits and will be exploring the symbolism of the Tudor Rose. They will also be listening to some Tudor music and learning some Tudor dance moves!

It's set to be a great topic!

Other Subjects...

In science, we will be studying materials and identifying the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

In maths, we will be focusing a lot on developing our knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages as well as continuing to practice our calculation strategies.

In R.E. children will be looking at what makes a book special and looking at different texts from the main religions around the World. The children will then learn important Christian, Jewish and Islamic stories to compare the different important religious messages within them. In music, the children will be learning and practicing the songs from the musical, Oliver.

P.E. this term will be dance on Mondays and swimming on Fridays.

Helping your child at home ...

The spelling bee will continue to be held on Mondays – please see the spelling list on the Class 5 page of the website. Over-learning is the best way to learn these.

Times tables will be tested on a Friday morning – children are doing brilliantly with their speed and accuracy. Please keep practicing!

Reading journals are to be handed in on Monday mornings; these should be filled in with any reading undertaken at home - this should be at least 5 times per week and children should now be pushing the amount of reading they are doing (at least 20 minutes per day).

Please listen to your child read aloud regularly, whatever their reading ability, as this helps with reading fluency and allows you to check their reading comprehension with some basic questions e.g. What has happened so far? What do you think will happen next? Why do you think he/she behaved like that?

It is also a great idea to read to your child still – this allows them to access texts above their reading ability and share the love of a good story with someone else.

Maths and literacy homework will continue to be set on alternate weeks to learning logs – children will bring home paper copies but assignments will also be available on Teams. Homework is always due in by Wednesday at the latest.

Class 5 information ...

- Fun lunchtime runs will continue on a weekly basis when possible.
- Young Voices – Tuesday 3rd May
- Globe Theatre Trip – Tuesday 17th May
- A curriculum video showing work children did last term on the Ancient Greeks is available to watch on our class page