



Values this term: Determination, Cooperation and Appreciation

Happy New Year! Oak Class have settled quickly back into school routines and are beginning to unpick their new topic. They are learning about the Tudors and specifically Henry VIII and his wives. They have already looked at some artefacts and engaged in drama to re-enact the Battle of Bosworth, when the Tudors took the throne. They created a comic strip to recount these events. They will be learning about how Henry liked to be seen and how image was important then and now. This will lead into learning about an important portrait artist Hans Holbein. The children will use water colours to reproduce an image from the Tudor times. They will study the reasons for the number of wives and how this led to the break with Rome and changed the country. The children will investigate each of the six wives and their lives. They will also learn about differences between rich and poor Tudors, as well as having lessons on cures and remedies, crimes and punishments and clothes.

### Mathematics

At the end of the Autumn Term, we were learning about multiplication and division which they continue at the moment. They will then move into learning about fractions and y4 will also look at decimals.

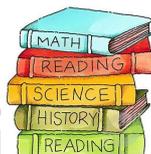
They will be regularly learning times tables each day and need to continue to practice these.

At the end of term they will begin a unit of work on telling and using time.

### English

This term we have started a new unit in English about Tales from other cultures. We will also be using a story called Henry's Freedom Box and an account of Rosa Parkes to write recounts.

They will learn about letter writing in a new unit of work and explore poems from The Works, using similes and metaphors to write kenning.



### Science

Science this term looks at basic electricity and circuits.

The children will use equipment to make and test circuits and find out about conductors and insulators.

After half-term the focus switches to forces including gravity and friction and they will complete an investigation with different surfaces.

### KS2 timetable

PE is on Tuesday afternoons- gymnastics  
Thursday afternoon- dance

### Reminders.

- Spelling test day: Friday
  - Times table test: Friday
  - Library: Friday
  - Reading Books are changed daily as needed.
  - Please hear them read every day.
  - Please only send fruit or healthy food for break time snack.
  - Please ensure your child brings a coat to school on a daily basis.
- We do go out to play in light rain showers!

