



January 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and that your child is feeling refreshed and ready to return to school.

As always, high standards are set in all areas at Thomas Coram, as we continue to embrace and embed our school values of respect, responsibility and friendship. We want every child to develop and maintain high self-esteem. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining this sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school.

In our Topic lessons this half term we are studying 'Life Beyond 1066' and will be focussing on The Tudors. After half term we will be studying artists' impressions of the world through our Art-focussed topic, 'They See the World like This.'

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the key dates, events, monarchs and discoveries of the Tudor era
- About the wives of Henry VIII and his reasons for choosing them
- What happened to the church during Tudor reign
- What led to the Spanish Armada

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- Portrait art and how it is used to portray an image
- About Tudor era artists such as Da Vinci and Arcimboldo
- How Impressionists saw the world
- The life and work of Van Gogh and Seurat
- Why Japanese printed art was so special
- How Abstract art developed

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- About symbolism used in military flags and medals
- How to design and create a medal of honour for an Armada soldier

We'll also be finding out:

- About school life and education in Tudor Britain
- What discoveries the Tudors made which affect us today
- About our personal responses to the actions of Tudor monarchs
- How artists can raise awareness of global issues
- How to express our own impression of the world around us



Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom and we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

This is a busy term for Year 6 as we also begin to prepare for the English and Maths Statutory National Curriculum Tests (SATS) in the week beginning Monday 11 May. Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss any particular needs, please do not hesitate in contacting the school or finding one of the Year 6 team at the end of the school day. The Year 6 staff will also be available at the Curriculum Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 3 and Thursday 5 February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Adlington   Mrs Paradas   Miss Willis   Miss Bonilha   Miss Martyn