



January 2016

Dear parent/carer

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and that your child is feeling refreshed and ready to continue learning.

As always, high standards are expected, 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, Seurat and Monet
- Why Japanese printed art was so special
- How Abstract art developed

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.

#### Forthcoming Events

Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 14 March and Thursday 17 March.

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 9 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. It has been a pleasure for staff to work with Year 6 so far this academic year and we all look forward to a positive and successful spring term. The term ends on Friday 1 April.

Yours sincerely

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