

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2025

Hedgehog Class

'Off with Her Head!'

What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad? This term we will be travelling back in time to the 1500s and meeting the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. We will discover an opulent court where dancing and singing went hand in hand with swift falls from favour, and even swifter falling of heads.

Literacy

Throughout this term, the children will have the opportunity to experiment with a range of writing styles for different purposes. They will start the term writing an information report based on the book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckman where the children will research and write about polar bears as well as learning about possessive apostrophes, fronted adverbials and how to use a variety of nouns.

Later, they will study the book, 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. This text will support the children in writing a narrative inspired by traditional fairy stories which have a devilish twist at the end. They will learn how to use the correct verb forms; expanded noun phrases and speech punctuation.

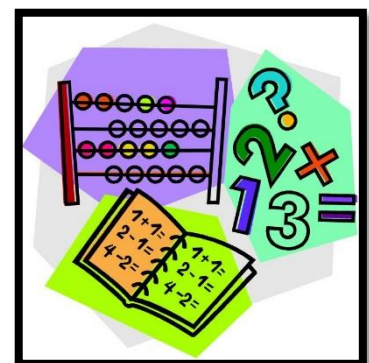
This term, the children will enjoy reading 'Tudor Boy Spy' by Philip Ardagh. *'THOMAS SNOOP is in training to become a SPY. Entrusted with a TOP SECRET mission by the mysterious Lord Severn, right-hand man to the Tudor king, Thomas must travel to the magnificent Goldenhilt Hall - in the guise of a servant - in order to uncover traitors plotting against the crown. It will take all Thomas's wits and cunning to uncover the traitors lurking at Goldenhilt Hall - and he must do so without being discovered himself... Filled with amazing facts and historical trivia, you won't be able to put this SECRET DIARY down!'*

Maths

Fractions - Students learn about mixed numbers and improper fractions. They practice adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. They solve problems using fractions to calculate quantities

Decimals - Students learn about decimal place value. They round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.

Measurement - Students convert between different units of measurement. They solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes. They find perimeters and areas of regular polygons.

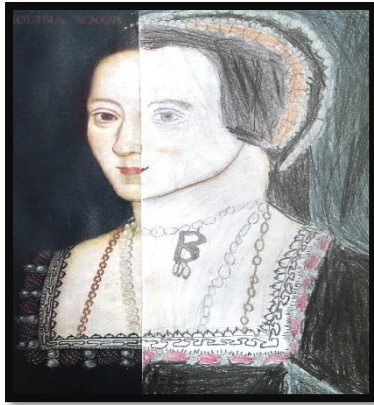


Geometry - Students identify acute and obtuse angles. They describe positions on a 2D grid as coordinates. They build on their knowledge of shape properties.

Times tables - Students continue to memorize multiplication tables, up to and including the 12 multiplication table.

Science

With Mrs Langdon, the children will be learning all about electricity. Children will learn about common electrical appliances and how to construct simple series circuits. They will become familiar with the key words linked to the topic and how to apply them appropriately. Children will learn about cells, wires, bulbs and buzzers and about the different types of switches. They will be able to troubleshoot and identify whether or not a bulb will light in a simple series circuit and be able to identify a complete circuit. The children will also learn about conductors and insulators and know that metals are very good electrical conductors.



Art

During this term's topic, the children will learn how to draw a self-portrait. They will study the features of the human face and develop drawing techniques to add shade and tone. The children will study portrait paintings by famous artists including Henry VIII portrait by Hans Holbein. They will discuss the techniques used to paint the portraits and create some of their own.



RE

What do Christian, Jewish and non-religious people believe about caring for people? In this unit the children will explore the idea that each person is unique and important; use teachings to explain why Christians and Jews believe that God values everyone. Use the Golden Rule to illustrate a non-religious view of the value of all people. Talk about the benefits and responsibilities of friendship and the ways in which people care for others.

PE

The Hedgehog class will be going swimming on a Wednesday afternoon up until half term. They will also be stepping back in time as they learn the art of Tudor dancing! Through music and movement, they are discovering the rich traditions of the Tudor era, including lively group dances and elegant patterns that were once enjoyed in royal courts.



Music



Mrs Brayley, our music specialist teacher, will continue teaching the children each Friday. This term, KS2 will prepare a body percussion performance for the upcoming Proms music concert at the end of the term. The children will first learn a body percussion routine, then use these concepts to create their own piece. They will focus on performing rhythms in time with the beat whilst being challenged to maintain two or three rhythms simultaneously.

French



During the term, with Madame Wilkinson, the children will be concentrating on the topic of food - talking/writing about what they ate and drank in the past tense, expressing food and drink likes/dislikes, using a French dictionary to help extend vocabulary and following/writing recipe instructions.

PSHE

This term, we're focusing on teaching students how to set goals and navigate challenges. Through our curriculum, students will explore the importance of having hopes and dreams while learning strategies to manage feelings of disappointment when things don't go as planned. By fostering positive thinking and reflecting on past experiences, students will see how setbacks can lead to new opportunities and fresh ideas. They'll practice adjusting their plans, setting realistic goals, and breaking them into small, actionable steps to achieve success—whether individually or collaboratively.



How you can help at home...

- Listen to your child read daily and ask them questions about what they are reading to improve their comprehension.
- Engage with Doodle learning – focus on spelling and maths.
- Encourage curiosity. Complete some of the optional homework ideas.
- Support your child in learning their times table facts.

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Smith