

# Year 6 Newsletter

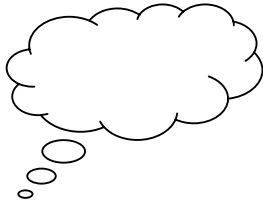
Happy New Year to you all!  
The children have made a great start back to the new term and their hard work is well underway.  
Our work this term is based on the theme '**Making Connections**'.

*Information about our learning is below - this should help you to encourage any discussion with your child about their learning.*

## Literacy

Investigating formality in writing – use of structure and language.

Autobiographies and biographies – they will use their knowledge about autobiographies and biographies to investigate key Tudor figures.



Reports / recounts / explanations – we will be reading, investigating and writing these types of writing closely linked with our Tudor topic.

Poetry – Reading and understanding imagery created by poets.

Alongside the focus on different styles of writing; children will be encouraged to use strategies to for accurate spelling and punctuation.

## Humanities Tudor Britain

Henry the VIII and his six wives – children will build their understanding of the importance of the Tudor Kings and Queens. We will explore the impact of decisions made in Tudor times. Also will be exploring buildings in the main towns and cities in Tudor times; this will focus on the difference between how the rich and poor lived.



We will investigate the above topic through our literacy learning as well as using drama, art, music and ICT.  
Art – Creating portraits. We will be displaying our work as a 'gallery' for the rest of the school at the end of our unit of work.

We are planning a trip, in March, to Stratford upon Avon to extend children's learning about life in Tudor times – more details to follow soon.

### How can you help?

*There are many books that give information and stories about different aspects of Tudor life. Also discussing any places they may have visited and things they may have seen that relates to their learning at school. If you have internet access there are many interactive websites, such as:*

[www.history.school-master.co.uk](http://www.history.school-master.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/history](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history)

[www.channel4learning.co.uk](http://www.channel4learning.co.uk)



## **Numeracy**

Applying addition and subtraction methods  
 Strategies for multiplication and division  
 Ratio and Proportion  
 Fractions, Decimals and Percentages  
 Understanding shape  
 Handling Data  
 Problem solving

## **Science**

*Light* – Investigating how light travels and how we see things.  
*Electricity* – understanding how electrical circuits work.  
*Interdependence and Adaptation* – food chains and how plants / animals suit their environment and respond to change.



## **I.C.T.**

Using the internet as a search tool.  
 Using the internet to edit and present multimodel texts.

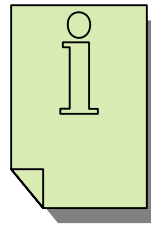


**PE, RE, French** are taught on Thursday's 'rotation' afternoon.

**P.E. / Games** – Competitive games.

**Music** – composition.

**PSHE** – understanding how our skills / learning in school will equip us for the future.



## **Information**

- Children have been making good use of their communication books. Thank you for your support with this. Please encourage your child to record their homework (including spellings, times tables and reading) completed in their homework log.
- Alongside their 'ongoing' work at home, your child will be sent home with a project, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January (along with a letter detailing expectations).
- We also want to support children with developing their basic skills so will be setting a piece of literacy or numeracy homework each week.
- The first and second groups' cycling proficiency training is now underway.
- Please ensure your child has suitable PE kit in school, for both indoor and outdoor sessions. We have particularly reminded children to bring warm clothes for outdoor PE and a change of trainers.
- Well done to Lauren and Caitlin (6B) and AmyRose and Abigail (6R) for winning the raffle last half term.

## **Key Dates**

Every Thursday – Cycling Proficiency  
 16<sup>th</sup> January – New Projects set  
 20<sup>th</sup> January – NSPCC event  
 21<sup>st</sup> January – 6R class assembly  
 28<sup>th</sup> January – Athletics festival  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> February – Assessment Week  
 12<sup>th</sup> February – Global event  
 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Training Day  
 w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half term  
 24<sup>th</sup> + 26<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evenings  
 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
 March (TBC) – Trip to Stratford  
 March (TBC) – Art Gallery  
 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Projects handed in  
 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Spring Festival