



# Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

September 2024

## **Welcome to Year 5!**

We are so pleased to welcome you all back into school and we look forward to all of the fun, exciting activities and lessons throughout the year.

### **Willow Class**

Welcome to Willow class with Miss Hamilton with class support from Mrs Hubbard.

### **Rowan Class**

Welcome to Rowan class with Mr Hoten with class support from Mrs Tibbett and throughout the day, Mr Richardson and Mrs Bhorjee.

### **PE and swimming**

Year 5 PE days are on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please see website for PE uniform. Throughout the year, each class will be going swimming on alternate Tuesdays.

### **Contact**

Please only send messages via the email address Year5@westfield.staffs.sch.uk. We will be able to reply to your emails at the

#### **Creative**

Throughout our creative topic we will be exploring the history of the Tudor period in many exciting ways.

- ◆ A timeline of important events in the Tudor period will be created to guide the children throughout their topic as a point of reference.
- ◆ Through independent research, we will discover the impact of the Tudor monarchs on Britain and how they influenced the lives of the people.
- ◆ Creating a royal family tree to understand how they came to the throne.
- ◆ Sketch and paint a Tudor portrait.

By the end of the topic you should know the answers to these questions...

**Who were Henry VIII wives?**

**What happened to Henry's wives?**

**How did the Tudors live?**

**What was the Tudor rose?**

**Why did the monarchs have portraits of themselves?**



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## English

Our work in English will be based on the book 'Diver's Daughter' by Patrice Lawrence.

We will discover what Tudor life was like from the perspective of a young slave girl and tell that story through a historical narrative.

We will writing and actively debating whether Henry VIII was a good or bad king using historical evidence.

One of the most famous writers of all time William Shakespeare was a Tudor and we will be using him as a guide to write our own play scripts.

## PSHE

This half term, children will be focusing on 'Me and My School'

Children will be actively involved in choosing the rules they would like to help make their class a happy and supportive place to be.

We will look at strategies the children can use to help overcome any challenges they may face in their learning such as the 'Thoughts and Feelings' box with in our classroom

We will also be recognising our achievements and setting new goals.

## RE

This term we will be comprehending religious texts and listening to stories from the Hindu faith.

## French

To speak about daily activities and hobbies.

## Maths

Our focus this term is on:

- Place value up to a million.
- Addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers.
- Multiples and factors

# Homework

Choose one of the Tudor monarchs – find out all about them and create a fact file.

Paint or draw a portrait of someone in your family.

Design and make a Tudor house.

Children are encouraged to read their accelerated reading book every day and then complete an accelerated reading test on that book.

We would also encourage to go on TT Rockstars to continue practising their times tables.