



Year 5 Rowan and Willow Class



Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter



January 2025

Welcome back 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 this half term.

Year 5 PE days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swimming will continue on Tuesday every other week for each class. Please see the school website for PE uniform.

We will now have Forest School every Monday afternoon. Can children please come with a change of shoes if possible and wear suitable clothing. There are waterproofs, but children may bring their own.

**Any messages can be sent to the Year 5 email address:
Year5@westfield.staffs.sch.uk.**

We will be able to reply to your emails at the end of the working day.

History

We will be exploring the history of the Tudor period in many exciting ways. We will:

- ◆ Create a timeline of important events in the Tudor period.
- ◆ Through independent research, we will discover the impact of the Tudor monarchs on Britain and how they influenced the lives of the people.
- ◆ Use primary and secondary sources to discover more about the everyday lives of Tudors.

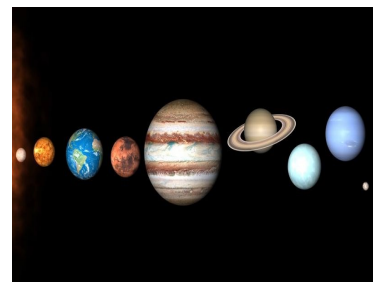


Science

This half term we will be beginning to learn all about the exciting wonders of space!

We will focus on:

- Learning about the planets in our Solar System.
- Looking at moons across the planets and learning about the phases of our own moon.





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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 servant girl and tell that story through a historical narrative.

We will be actively debating whether Henry VIII was a good or bad king and will write a balanced argument using historical evidence.

Maths

Our focus this half term will be on multiplication, division and fractions. We will learn how to:

- Multiply numbers up to 4-digits by 2-digits.
- Divide 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and divide with remainders.
- Solve problems with division and multiplication.
- Multiply and divide fractions by integers.

French:

We learn how to recognise and use expressions for our daily routines. We will also state the time using minutes past and to the hour.

Physical Education:

This half term we will be focussing on OOA (outdoor orienteering activities) and circuit training. We will develop our map reading skills, teamwork, stamina and resilience.

Religious Education:

This half term, we will explore the diversity of a range of religious traditions and identify and reflect on similarities and differences.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be thinking about how we can have an impact on the world and people around us. In our 'Me and Other People' topic, we will focus on looking at identities in Britain, diversity and prejudice.

Homework

Create a fact file about the planets in our Solar System.

Using recycled materials, create a Tudor house.

Log into TTRS and read daily.

Investigate why the Mary Rose may have sank. Can you come up with a theory?

Write a diary entry as child living in Tudor Britain. You could write it from the perspective of someone rich or poor.

Make a 3D model representing the movement of the Earth, Sun and Moon.