



What's Happening in the Classroom?

Welcome back to all of our families, we hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. It is lovely to see all of the children back, refreshed and excited to learn in their final term of the year!!

Our topic this half term is called 'Off With Your Head!,' which is the study The Tudors. The children are really excited to get going! We have been working hard on organising our classroom to reflect our theme —getting our creative juices flowing! They have created a fabulous role play area in the style of a Tudor house. The children are already thinking of some fabulous questions about this period of history and are already enjoying learning about The monarchs and battles!

In Literacy, our novel is the hilarious, 'The Thief, the Fool and the Big Fat King!' (Terry Deary). We will be studying the features of a longer narrative as we work towards planning and writing our own story. We will also be planning and writing our own non-fiction recount text, in the style of a newspaper!

In maths we will be studying place value (including decimals numbers), fractions, geometry, division, measures, addition, subtraction and statistics. For each area of maths, we will be incorporating problem solving and reasoning tasks to broaden and deepen their understanding of all the concepts taught.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!



- PE is on a **Monday** and **Friday** afternoon, so can children bring their kit in on a Monday and leave it in school to take home on a Friday. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters.
- All children need a water bottle in school. They can bring an empty plastic one from home or buy one from the school office for £1.50

Homework:

The children will receive spellings and times tables to practise on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday. They will also receive a **termly piece of homework, where there is a choice of different activities**. If the children struggle with their homework they can do it in school with myself and I will happily support them, please don't let them worry about it over the weekend.

Can children remember to have reading books and diaries in school each day. Books must also be returned as soon as they are finished, so they can obtain a new one— thank you.



◆ Watch this space for a class visit!!

Sumdog: can be used on a computer and is available for Ipad, a great collection of maths games. All children have a school log in. **Table Mountain, countdown** and **Pole Climber** are great games to practise rapid recall of times tables.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR CLASS BLOG WHERE YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN DOING EACH WEEK!

<http://newpenshawacademy.co.uk/year-4/>

