



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Why Do We Remember?

Fenstanton and Hilton  
Primary School



### What we are learning about:

### Autumn 2 2024

**Our topic/ theme this half term is:** The Tudors

**History:** In History this half term, children will be learning about how the Tudors started their reign with the Battle of the Roses, How Henry VIII impacted the church and facts about different Tudor houses.

**Art:** In D.T, we will be recreating Tudor art work. We will look at tone and proportion then use a combination of printing and sketching to create our own Tudor portraits.

**Music:** Our topic in Music is called 'Exploring Feelings When You Play'. Singing and listening are at the heart of each lesson. Play, improvise and compose using a selection of these notes: C, D, E, F, F#, G, A, Bb, B

**Computing:** In Computing we will start coding. We will start by seeing how flowcharts can be a useful base, then move onto particular types of code like timers, if/then statements and coordinates all the while attempting to 'debug' any errors.

**P.E:** In PE we will begin our focus on resilience and persistence. The children will be setting their own personal bests (PB's) and attempting to beat them in a variety of different ways while also looking at hand-eye coordination and gameplay positioning.

**PSHE:** In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Friends and Family' but also balancing that with discussing 'Antibullying'. We will be looking at what qualities we have and what makes a good friend, how we can demonstrate these qualities. We will be looking at why bullying happens (power) and how we can use conflict resolution to solve problems.

**R.E:** In R.E our topic will be 'Why is the Bible So Important?' we will be looking at why the Bible is important to Christians, some of the stories that are told and how they teach a Christian how to be.

**Science:** In Science this half term, we will be focusing on Animals including Humans. Children will be learning about different bones in the human body, what the function of skeletons and muscles are and how to keep our bodies the energy it needs.

**English**

**Reading:** This half term our class books will be 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and different biographies of Tudors

**Guided Reading:** Children will work on the same areas each week, reinforcing these key skills; **interpret vocabulary in context, reading with fluency, prosody and comprehension.**

**Writing:** Our first model text this half term is a book called 'George's Marvellous Medicine' Using our model text, will spend time studying the characters, the language of Roald Dahl and looking at the choices he made as a writer and why he might have done this. We will be recapping previously taught grammar and exploring new ones such as different tenses, apostrophes for possession and looking at how we can self and peer assess our work. Following this we will be looking at Biographies and the structure they follow. We will be looking at chronologies and why this is important with a biography.

**Maths:** In Maths this half term, we will be learning strategies to help us multiply and divide. We will then be consolidating all the knowledge we have learned thus far.

**Key Vocabulary:**

**Maths:**

Multiply, times, lots of, product, divide, sharing, grouping, equal(ly)

**English:**

Character, 3<sup>rd</sup> person, progressive past tense simple past tense, chronological order, time conjunctions, informal language, fronted adverbial, 5 senses, description, direct speech, introduction, build up, problem, resolution, sentence openers, adverbs, verbs, adjectives, nouns expanded noun phrases, apostrophe, self, peer.