

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Why Do We Remember?

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School

What we are learning about:

Autumn 2 2026

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 Art, 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, B♭, B.

Computing: In Computing we will be learning about programming using Scratch 2. We will be investigating programming through Scratch by creating animations and learning key coding skills.

P.E: In PE we will begin our first dance unit of this year focusing on: copying actions; moving to rhythm; levels; direction; repeated patterns and performance.

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 Christians how to be.

French: In French we will be looking at learning about 'saying what I and others have'.

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, we will spend time: studying the characters; the language of Roald Dahl (looking at the choices he has made as a writer and why he might have done this); recapping and learning different grammar rules e.g. 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 in a biography.

Maths: In Maths this half term, we will continue looking at addition and subtraction and then move on to learning strategies to help us multiply and divide. Throughout we will be recapping and consolidating previously taught learning.

Key Vocabulary:

Maths:

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

English:

Character, 3rd 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.