



THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

WHAT WERE THE PIVOTAL MOMENTS IN THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR?

Year 5 & 6 Newsletter Summer 2

So what's going on this half term then?

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How is possible that we have reached the final half term of the academic year? The time has simply flown by! Below, we have detailed what will be taught in each of the curriculum areas:

English:

Whilst we will cover numerous genres of reading and writing over the half-term, the standout work will orientate around a study of poetry and creative writing. The children will be exposed to numerous texts, we will unpick the qualities and structures in each of them and provide the children with the platform to produce high quality work of their own. The children will continue to develop their grammatical knowledge and this learning should continue to have a significant impact on their writing.

Reading:

We would like the children to be reading at home at least 3 times per week (one of which should be with an adult). The children will be reminded how to record this in their Reading Records.

Maths:

Both Years 5 & 6 are continuing to learn by following the framework provided by White Rose Maths. Year 5 will be exploring 'Position and Direction', 'Converting Units' and 'Volume', whilst Year 6 will delve into 'Place Value' and 'Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division'.

ICT:

We will spend time re-enforcing the children's e-safety awareness and developing their understanding of coding. Using code is an integral part of children's lives and understanding how it works and how to create it supports the children's learning and skills development.

Science:

Our focus will be on the topic of 'Animals Including Humans'. The learning will directly address the changes children will experience during puberty and will cover many aspects of our sex and relationships curriculum. For more information regarding this work, please refer back to the 'Parents and carers' information leaflet, which was emailed out to parents before half term.

History:

Our History focus this half term will centre around a study of 'What were the pivotal moments in the English Civil War?'. This will include a focus on: Royalists, Parliamentarians, key battles and a visit to the National Civil War Centre.

Art & design and technology:

We will be exploring various structures and creating a frame for a trebuchet. Additionally, we will explore healthy eating.

French:

Continuing with the theme 'A School Trip', the children are developing vocabulary through singing and practical activities.

Music:

Children will focus on multiple elements of music: pitch, texture and timbre, which will culminate in composing and performing.

P.S.H.E.:

Our unit of work is entitled 'Changing Me'. The lessons are directly tied to our science focus on puberty and our sex and relationships curriculum. The children will also receive the final 5 DARE lessons, one lesson taking place every Tuesday, which will run through until 29th June.

P.E.:

Whilst P.E. is planned to take place on Wednesdays and Fridays, children must have their full P.E. kit in school EVERY DAY, as plans can change at very short notice. Our focus will be on athletics and rounders.

As per usual, children will receive a 'Half Termly Home Learning Menu', which will include both 'must-do' and optional tasks. The 'Menu' will be discussed in class and accessible to the children via Teams. Where possible, we strongly encourage homework to be submitted to teachers via Teams.

Spelling booklets have been handed out and tests are timetabled on Fridays.

A few little reminders:

- All clothing must be named
- Jewellery should not be worn
- Children must have a named water bottle and coat in school everyday