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The Rise of the Tudor Rose

On behalf of Mrs Newcombe and myself, Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming all the children back for a fun packed spring term, focused all around the Tudors. Not only will we be delving into the history of the Tudor family, but will also be looking forward to living out the period with a class visit to Sulgrave Manor. With the chance to dress in Tudor clothing, we will live the life of Tudor children's schooling as well as looking into the fun and games as well as a tour of the manor. If you haven't seen any information about this trip yet, please check your parent pay to find more information there.

As well as our trip we will be looking at a few different aspects of the Tudors:

- The family tree
- The Tudors who reigned (for very differing periods of time)
- Crime and punishment
- Medicine and diseases
- Tudor clothes
- Tudor food

And much more.

Keep your eye out for our class entries in the school newsletter!

Term 3 & 4 RSHE Content for Year Four

As we communicated in our Relationships, Health and Sex Education consultation, we will be keeping you regularly informed about content to be taught in the term ahead.

This term, your child will have the following Jigsaw topics:

Term 3	Dreams and goals - Hopes and Dreams, Broken Dreams, Overcoming Disappointment, Creating New Dreams, Achieving Goals, We Did It!
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Term 4	Healthy Me - My Friends and Me, Group Dynamics, Smoking, Alcohol, Healthy Friendships, Celebrating my Inner strength and assertiveness
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The vocabulary used will be:

Term 3	Dream Hope Goal Determination Perseverance Resilience Positive Attitude Disappointment Fears Hurt Positive experiences Plans Cope Help Self-belief Motivation Commitment Team work Enterprise Design Cooperation Review Learning Strengths Success Celebrate Evaluate
Term 4	Friendships Emotions Healthy Relationships Friendship groups Value Roles Leader Follower Assertive Agree / disagree Smoking Vaping Pressure Peers Guilt Advice Alcohol Liver Disease Pressure Peers Anxiety Fear Believe Opinion Right Wrong

Please see the RHSE curriculum page of our school website for further information.

Other Information

Reading, Times Tables and spelling

Returning back after the holiday, it is important the children can return to their normal routines at home consisting of daily reading. Children should still be reading with an adult as often as possible, as this allows them to discuss words or story line, check correct pronunciation of words and answer comprehension questions. 10 minutes a day would really help with their progression.

Also, Times Tables Rockstars is still there for the children to use, especially with the times tables check near the end of the school year. This will not only help them with their specific times table knowledge, but will also lend itself to other areas of maths we explore as a class but also further in all of KS2. Please remember, TTRS log ins will be stuck in at the front of home the children's reading record books. If you would like to try something else aside from TTRS please follow the link for something different (or continue to use other websites you have found work well).

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

We will be practicing our times tables daily when possible, and the more opportunity the children get to practice at home, their accuracy and speed will only improve in time for the Year 4 times tables test.

Each week (beginning, Friday 15th), children will be sent home with new spellings to learn following a spelling rule. During the week they will be taught about this spelling rule, as well as one session a week in the morning task carousel, they will have time to practice these spellings. A week after the spellings have been sent home, the children will be tested on these spellings. E.g. Spellings given out 15th September, then to be tested on these spellings on the 22nd. Once again, the more work that can be done on these at home, the better chance the children will be prepared for the spelling lesson. Thank you for your continued cooperation with the children's learning at home.

PE

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit (named, please) in every day in case our timetable changes. P.E. kits will be sent home every Friday afternoon with the children, so they can be washed or changed before coming back into school on the Monday morning. This year, with the children being another year older, we will be expecting them to have appropriate PE clothing ready for all PE sessions. Afterall, PE is a curriculum expectancy that we meet.

Our PE lessons this year will be on Wednesday and Friday. However, if the children have their PE kits in school all the time, it allows us as a class to use any available time as chances to enjoy some sports or outdoor challenges.

Communication

As with last year, if there is a need to get in touch with me for whatever reason, please do so through emailing the school office. This in turn, will allow for a speedier reply. Thank you in advance.

Mr Mahony and Mrs Newcombe