

Class 5 Newsletter Spring 2020

In class 5 our teachers are Mrs Holdridge (Mon-Weds) and Mrs Bedford (Weds-Fri). We also are supported by Mr Prideaux.

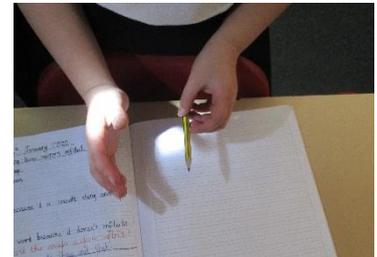
During the first half of the term we have really enjoyed learning some fascinating facts about life in the Tudor times, in particular the life and wives of King Henry VIII. In English we have learned how to write direct speech, using inverted commas, and we have also been improving our writing by including more exciting vocabulary and sentence structures. We have also more recently been looking at some Shakespeare plays in their original language, and acting scenes out. In Maths we have been focusing on mental and written methods for multiplication and division.



We have also been enjoying Taiko drumming lessons with Mrs Taylor this term, listening carefully to the beat and repeating rhythms, and learning to control the volume of sound we create.

Mr Beet has been teaching us how to play hockey, including holding and controlling the hockey stick and ball, and teamwork skills.

In Science, we are learning about Light, including investigating shadows, and materials which are opaque, translucent and transparent, and looking at how light is reflected. We are excited about the investigations we have planned to find out what has an impact on the size and shape of shadows.



Children in Class 5 have been attending lots of the clubs on offer this term, including badminton, table tennis, choir, cinema club, sewing club and maths games.

After half term our topic work will focus on looking at the modern Royal Family, the Windsors, and comparing the reigns of different monarchs. We will also be learning about customs and traditions associated with the Royal Family. Included in this topic, will be some art work on shading and shadows, using sketching pencils, and watercolours. In Science, we will also be looking at Forces and Magnets, and planning more investigations to help us understand how these forces work, and in English our focus will be on non-fiction texts, and using the past, present and future tenses. In Maths we will be learning about money using real-life situations, and how to find fractions of shapes and amounts.

We have also already started practising the songs we will be singing as part of the year 3/4 production before the Easter Holidays!

PE is on Thursday afternoons. Outside PE kit is required and due to health and safety, please ensure earrings have been removed that morning or that children bring in plasters to cover them.

Key dates:

Monday 10 th February	Class 5 assembly
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 3 visits to Carlton Library
Friday 14 th February	Break up for half term
Tuesday 25 th February	Author workshop with Jonathon Emmett
W/c 2 nd March	Book Week
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 3 visits to Carlton Library
Tuesday 24 th / Wednesday 25 th March	Parents evenings
Tuesday 31 st March	Year 3 / 4 production – am
Wednesday 1 st April	Year 3 / 4 production – evening
Friday 3 rd April	Break up for Easter