

Year 5 term 1 newsletter

Our topic this term will be the Tudors

Geography

Children will be looking at our local areas of Rochester and Upnor. We will also be studying the UK, looking at counties and cities.

Science

Our topic is properties and changes of materials. Children will be taking part in various investigations, including using an electronic microscope to look at the structure of different materials. We will conduct an experiment to identify reversible and irreversible changes.

Art

We will be studying the Tudor portrait artist, Hans Holbein and creating our own work in his style.

Literacy

During this term we will be using the book *The Water Tower* as a springboard for our creative writing. Skills will include-

Open and closed questions, relative clauses, newspaper reports, rhyming, alliteration, character and setting descriptions.

Maths

In maths, we will be looking at place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will later learn how to calculate the area and perimeter of a shape.

Guided reading and Accelerated Reader

Guided reading sessions will be 4 times a week and will be based on Pixl skills and the eight domains of guided reading: define, compare, explore, infer, summarise, retrieve predict and relate.

Reminders

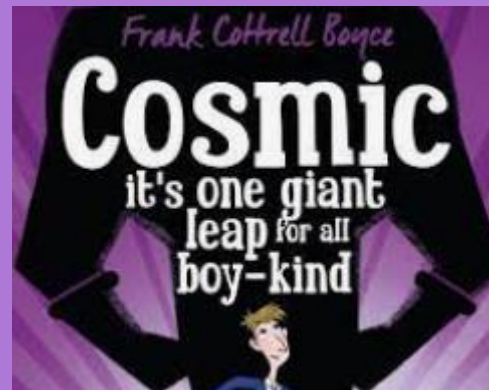
Swimming will be on a Thursday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure children wear their kits into school on both days.

The expectation is that all children read out loud to an adult 5 times a week. Even if your child is a confident reader, it is important that they have the opportunity to read to another person. Children can write their reads into the reading record provided, but an adult must also check and then sign it.

Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

Please encourage children to use TT Rock Stars at home, it is a great tool to improve their knowledge.

Children now have access to Myon. This is an online library, linked to AR. It means that they can select a book (and even have it read to them) then click the link which leads them directly to the AR quiz associated with the book! It is really important that all students complete at least 1 AR quiz a week at home.



During our DEAR time we will be reading *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

ICT

The week beginning the 13th of September is coding week and children will be taking part in different ICT related activities where they will be learning how to code and debug.