

## Water Birds (Years 5 and 6)



## Summer Term 1 2019 Off With Her Head!



Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed history.

Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing go hand in hand with swift falls from grace - and even swifter falling of heads!

Develop your painting skills in miniature, solve riddles and remember to protect your precious neck with a large white ruff - if you want to survive at Tudor court!

Feast your eyes on the delights of the Globe theatre and remember as you watch the show that *'Love looks not with the eyes but with the mind.'* William Shakespeare

### Maths and Literacy Foci:

#### Literacy:

Initially Year 6 will be focusing on consolidating their reading comprehension skills and grappling with the finer detail of grammatical knowledge.

Year 5 will begin the term developing their grammatical knowledge.

Once SATs are out of the way for Year 6, we will turn our focus to learning all about William Shakespeare and gaining our first taste of 'Shakespearean drama' looking at extracts from *Midsummer Night's Dream*. This work is designed to build our children's confidence in Shakespeare's use of language, and build their enthusiasm for characters, themes and plots in his plays. Lessons will allow the children to experiment with dramatic techniques and experiment with Non-fiction writing when they produce an information leaflet for younger children about Shakespeare's life and works.

#### Maths:

Year 6 will be initially focusing on SATs revision. We will be recapping and consolidating all our learning from all aspects of KS2 Maths.

Year 5 will be working on timetables.

### Curriculum Foci

**Science:** Science will be our key focus this term as we learn about Evolution and Inheritance; consider the relationship between Living Things and their Habitats and Work Scientifically.

**History:** We will begin learning about the lives of The Tudors, focusing this term on the life of William Shakespeare.

**Geography:** We will be looking at historical maps and comparing their features to their modern day equivalents.

**Computing:** Online research about William Shakespeare and building our own presentations about his life and works.

**Art:** Last term, we focused on sketching techniques and our own self-portraits. This half term we will be learning about Tudor fashion and portraits before producing our own portraits in the style of the Tudors.

**P.E.** Premier Sports will continue to provide high quality P.E. lessons. This term's focus is Outdoor Athletics. We would ask that all children bring their P.E. kit into school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday.

**PSHE:** With the support of the NHS nursing team, Year 6 will be considering the changes which occur during puberty.

Year 5 will consider 'Healthy lifestyles.'

Both Year groups will begin a unit about Drugs and Alcohol.

### **Important Dates for your diary**

23.4.19	Summer Term begins - children return to school
6.5.19	May Day Bank Holiday - No school
13.5.19 -16.5.19	Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests
21.5.19	Lifepath Trip for Year 5
24.5.19	House Tag Rugby Competition
27.5.19-31.5.19	HALF TERM
5.6.19	Class Leavers photograph
7.6.19	MKPSAA Athletics Competition (4-6pm)
10-14.6.19	KINGSWOOD Residential
14.6.19	Bring a man to school
17.6.19	Sports Day
21.6.19	Y6 PSHE session with NHS Foundation Trust
3.7.19	International Languages Day
4.7.19	Year 6 Transition Day
5.7.19	Report Issued
6.7.19	Summer Fete
9.7.19	SATs results published
9.7.19 & 11.7.19	Year 6 Leavers Performance (6pm)
16.7.19	Leavers Service at St.Mary's Church
19.7.19	Last Day of term

### **Home Learning Tasks**

**Maths and Literacy:** This will be set weekly.

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and returned to school the following Tuesday.

**Reading:** All children will be expected to read five times per week and record those pages read in their planner.

**Spelling:** Will be set weekly - children will be given an activity to complete based on the weekly spellings.

We would ask that parents and guardians sign their child's planner once a week ready for it to be handed in on a Friday.