

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Off with her head!

This half term has gone so quickly! We have been busy learning all about The Tudor Dynasty, particularly Henry VIII and his wives. The children enjoyed making Tudor Roses out of clay and learning about The Battle of Bosworth. We wrote a biography of Henry's life and we composed our own stories set in Tudor times.

We have also learnt some Tudor Dances and listened to Tudor music, as well as singing some Tudor songs such as *Divorced, Beheaded, Died, Divorced, Beheaded, Survived!*

We finished the topic by constructing our Tudor style houses and created a village within the classroom. (more photos to come)

Thank you for all the creative homework that your children have completed and presented. The class have enjoyed sharing and celebrating their hard work.





Stargazers

Our next topic is 'Stargazers' and we will be doing rocket science (no really - it's not a joke) as well as looking at some of the constellations and our own place, in the middle of the whole caboodle, using satellite pictures from space to study landforms and patterns of population on our planet.

WOW Day

This will take place on the first day back Monday 2nd of November. A rocket launch will take us beyond the confines of the earthly realm and to the stars... We will also be taking a gastronomic (!) tour through the night sky. If your child would like to dress up in a suitably space-themed outfit, that would be out of this world! For example, star or rocket tops or even all in plain black like the night sky.

We will also give out a star constellation observation chart to keep you busy over the next half-term. Let's hope for some clear skies.

Homework

There will be a suggested list of topic homework ideas for your child to have a go at on the class page. They can be completed or brought in for the last couple of weeks of term.

I will also be putting our weekly group spellings on the class page for your child to practise at home.

Remember to keep reading with your child and writing in their reading records. We have a weekly check on a Friday.

Please also encourage your child to keep practising their maths skills on TTRockstars. I have given out all the log ins and passwords. Please email me honeysuckle@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk if you need a reminder.

Have a super half term break!

Mrs Collins and the Honeysuckle team.