

Year 5 Summer Term



We have already had a fantastic start to our final term in year 5, the pupils are full of knowledge and enthusiasm for our summer term topics.

Our history topic this term is *The Tudors*. Pupils will explore this fascinating period in history, learning about key monarchs including Henry VIII, Mary I and Elizabeth I. They will develop their historical enquiry skills by asking questions, analysing

sources and understanding how this era shaped England.

Seven Dimension of Hope

Our Year 5 pupils have been invited to take part in an exciting musical workshop, working alongside professional musician Pete Letanka. Through a series of engaging, in-school sessions, children will explore themes of hope, identity and resilience while developing their confidence in singing and performance.

They will learn a range of songs and collaborate with Year 4 and 5 pupils from local schools, including primary schools from Ipswich, building both musical skills and teamwork. This will culminate in a live performance on **16th June** at the Princes Theatre, where pupils will perform on a professional stage.

We look forward to sharing more details about how to purchase tickets soon.

In Science, we will study life cycles of different animals and reproduction in plants before moving on to changing materials. RE will focus on Christianity, exploring how believers show commitment to their faith. In Computing, children will develop their skills using Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint to present and organise their work effectively.

In English, we continue to build on our *Writing for Pleasure* approach. Pupils are encouraged to see themselves as confident writers, with opportunities to write for real purposes and audiences. They will develop their ideas over time, using rich reading, discussion and teacher modelling to support their use of vocabulary and sentence structure, while learning to plan, draft, edit and publish work they are proud of.

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Reading remains a key focus, with daily lessons centred around high-quality texts. These sessions develop comprehension, vocabulary and discussion skills, while also supporting writing. We encourage children to read at home at least three times per week to build fluency and confidence—this can include a wide range of materials such as books, newspapers and magazines.

In Maths, we will focus on statistics, decimals and shape, alongside continuing to build confidence with the four operations. Children will also develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills, supported by a strong understanding of mathematical vocabulary. Regular practice at home, particularly with times tables, will continue to support their progress.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a positive and enjoyable final term in Year 5 as the children prepare for the transition to Year 6. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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