

# Year 5 News *A snapshot of our week*

Term 1, Week 7

## English:

This week, the children wrote a descriptive piece about visiting a Tudor town. They had to think carefully about their sentences and write using the senses, to ensure the reader could imagine where they were and what it looked like. They used ambitious adjectives, a variety of sentence starters, pronouns, fronted adverbials and structured their writing in paragraphs.

The children have also been practising spelling some of the high frequency words I have noticed they spell incorrectly in their books. They were also asked to try to find words that end in *-cial*, *-ant* and *-ance* this week - we discussed whether they could identify a rule for these word-endings.

## Topic:

The children studied the Stuart - Tudor family tree this week. They also researched the wives of King Henry VIII and found some interesting facts.

## PE:

This week, the children practised long distance running. We discussed the importance of pace and not rushing off in a sprint, as that would be unsustainable in a long race. They also practised basketball skills - moving away, dodging and passing accurately.

## Maths:

The children have been using reasoning to solve problems in maths this week. They worked on solving triangular arithmagons and number puzzles. They had to concentrate and persevere as some were tricky to work out. The children have also been identifying multiples and common factors.

**Request:** Could all children practise the times tables at home on a regular basis please? They are at a stage now where they need to know the tables (up to  $12 \times 12$ ) and the corresponding division facts. We do practise at school, but in addition to this, the children also need to practise at home. Having a good recall of the times tables will help the children in all areas of maths as they move through the school and into secondary education.

## RE

We read the ten commandments and discussed whether they still apply to Christians today. The children had some interesting views on this. They then wrote their own commandments, or rules, that they want to live their life by, or at least aspire to.

William

Star of the week

Joseph

Citizen of the week

Megan

Star of the week