

# Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

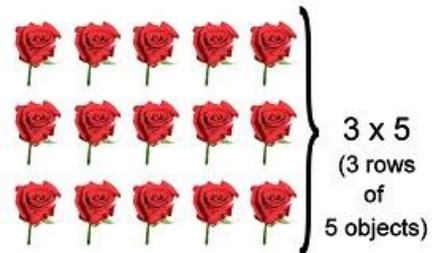


Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we began learning about Queen Elizabeth I. The children have learnt lots of facts about Queen Elizabeth and her family. We loved finding out gruesome facts, such as how Elizabeth's mum, Anne Boleyn, had her head chopped off by King Henry VIII! We learnt about Tudor life and compared what life was like in Tudor times to how we live today. We also compared the differences between the rich and the poor in Tudor times. On the whole, we agreed we would prefer to live in modern times because the laws aren't so strict. However, some of the girls would prefer Tudor life, because they would get to stay at home and help their mums with the housework, whilst the boys go to school!

For art, we drew Tudor-style self-portraits. First, we looked at various portraits of Tudor Kings and Queens. Then we used mirrors to help us draw our facial features and added crowns and details to our clothing to make us look more like Tudor Kings and Queens.

In maths, we started learning about multiplication. We learnt that the multiplication symbol represents 'lots of' so  $2 \times 3$ , means to lots of three. We solved multiplication problems by using numicon and we drew pictures of arrays to help us (as demonstrated in the picture). We also used our knowledge of counting up in 2's, 5's and 10's to help solve multiplication problems.



In Religious Education, we discussed Shrove Tuesday and Lent. We learnt that Christians traditionally eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to clear their cupboards of all the fatty foods, so they won't be tempted during Lent. We learnt how Jesus went to the wilderness for 40 days and thought about special places where we like to go and reflect.

Today we had an exciting morning taking part in our first Forest School session. Here are a few pictures of what we got up to:



Kind regards, Miss Hutchings

## Year 1 Spellings

24.02.17

watch
had
should
away
ask

### Optional additional spellings

Here are some additional *optional* spellings for your child to practise at home, if they wish to.

multiply	author	narrator	illustrator
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