

Welcome to Class 5D. We are comprised of 28 eager, enthusiastic and curious learners. We are taught by Miss Darling and supported in our learning by Ms Bilton.

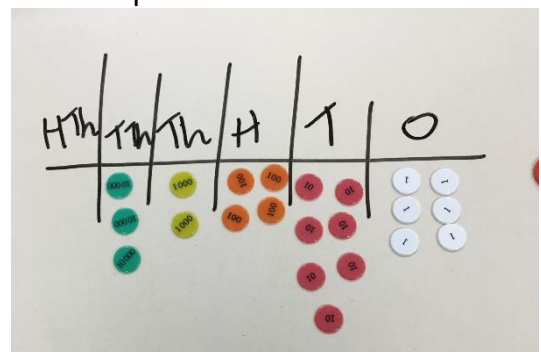
On our class page you will be able to find out more about what we are doing in class and keep up to date with exciting news and updates.

Our autumn term topic is 'Tudor Tales'. This is a topic with History at its heart but lots of cross curricular links to RE, English and Art. We will begin our topic by constructing a timeline of the key events that led to the War of the Roses and consequently the start of the Tudor period. We will also be researching Henry VIII and collecting facts on his personality and his relationships with others. We will be examining why and how he split from Rome and how this



affected people at the time, and even now. Henry VIII is arguably most renowned for having six wives so we will be looking at each of his wives in turn as well as some of the many scandals attached to them. We will also be using scaled timelines to compare the length of each Tudor Monarchs reign, including Henry VIII's children. We will compare the lives of Tudor people and examine why their lives were so different. We will delve into Elizabeth I's reign and explore reasons that she did not marry. We will be using the story chest this term to retell the events of the Spanish Armada. To end our Tudor topic, we will understand the role Mary Queen of Scots played in Tudor History and understand her motive for fleeing Scotland. Finally we will explore why and how the Tudor period ended by constructing family trees and explaining the introduction of the Union Jack.

To begin the year, we are looking at place value of numbers up to 1 million. This includes ordering numbers and comparing numbers using inequality signs. Children will recap their understanding of ones, tens, hundreds, thousands and ten thousands and be introduced to hundred thousands and millions. Place value counters and charts will be available to support this learning. Within this block we will also briefly cover negative numbers and Roman Numerals. Then we will move on

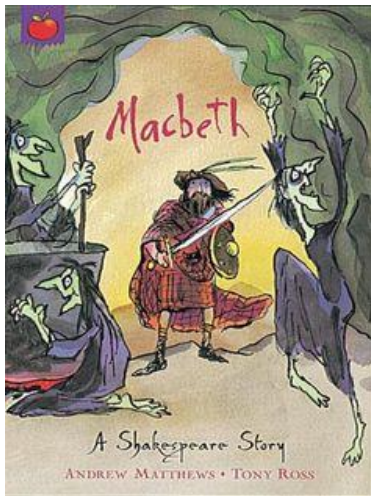


to addition and subtraction of numbers with up to 6 digits. Children will be using formal column methods including exchanging to solve calculations. We will briefly cover multi-

step word problems and using the inverse to check our answers. Each child has been given their own TT Rockstars password and log-in and this is a really fun and exciting way to engage children in their times tables practice. We will also practice in class daily. We will also briefly recap interpreting data presented in a range of charts such as line graphs and pictograms and calculating area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes.



Children will also be learning formal methods of multiplication and division, looking at factors, multiples, prime numbers and square numbers. They will recap prior learning on multiplying numbers by 10 and 100 and be introduced to multiplying and dividing by 1000.



In English this term we will be recapping key grammar terms every lesson as well as being introduced to new phrases. Children will also be continuing their learning on Exciting Sentences and ensuring they are applying these to their own writing. Children will be writing in a range of genres, both fiction and non-fiction, closely examining the genre conventions for each piece of writing. With our topic of The Tudors, we will of course be learning about William Shakespeare with a keen interest on Macbeth. Macbeth will be our class study book for this term and we will be examining it very closely and using it to practice our VIPERS (reading comprehension skills). Another way to support your

child at home, is to listen to them read regularly as this will improve their fluency as well as their vocabulary. Our challenge this year is to read 5 times a week at home and record this in your school planner. Our class text this year is Mr Twiddle by Enid Blyton. We have really been enjoying the story so far!

Each week, your child will receive spellings, in line with the national curriculum, that they must learn and practice. The children will be tested on the spellings for the week on a Friday. Another wonderful app to engage and encourage your children to learn their spellings is Spelling Shed. Again, children have their individual log-ins and passwords so they can access this at home.

Our Science units this term are Materials, where will be testing a range of materials and recording their properties including transparency and conductivity. We are also learning about Earth and Space including the planets, how we get night and day and the relationship between the Earth, the Moon and the Sun. In RE we will be focusing on Christianity and how Christian beliefs affect the life a person leads. We will examine how Christians believe the world was created and Bible passages and key teachings that Christians believe encourage them to live a good life. Children will also take part in PSHE lessons using our Jigsaw scheme. We are focusing on how we can look after one another, what rights and responsibilities children have and how we can make the world a better place and look after those perhaps not as fortunate as us. Children will also have a weekly Activities/DT lesson where we will develop a range of skills including pattern making, sketching and painting. Similarly, children will participate in weekly Computing lessons with our main focus this term being on coding and debugging.

Our class is incredibly lucky in that Mrs Herrera, a fluent French speaker, teaches French once a week. Children will learn simple phrases and sentences so please encourage them to share what they have learnt with you at home.

Quick reminder, our PE days are Monday and Friday. We are asking parents/carers to ensure children come to school in the correct PE kit on these days, please.

Here are some photos from our Sam Safari workshop at the start of the year, some exciting lessons we have done so far and our Colour Run.



Miss Darling