Summer 1: The Tudors

Welcome to Summer 1! Both the first and second half of this summer term will be about the Tudors, and on Tuesday 7th July Year 5 will visit Turton Tower to find out all about life for the Tudors, both rich and poor, in rural Lancashire. We also have the school BBQ to look forward to! Look out for more information in the Broughton Bulletin.

Collosians, 1:16) For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible or invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through him and for him.

Genesis, 41:40) You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.

English and Guided Reading

In the first few weeks of the new half term, we will complete our work on *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgewick. After this we will begin to read *The Princess Blankets* by Carol Ann Duffy. Using this short story, we will study playscripts and film, and explore stories from other cultures. We will also undertake some creative writing which challenges and stretches our use of sentence structure and vocabulary to build complex characters. In guided reading we will continue with our book, *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll. This is a mysterious thriller which takes the children on an adventure to Tutankhamun's tomb. The children will make predictions, discuss themes and discuss how fact and fiction is blended in a historical novel.

Geography

In this unit, children will learn about human geography and place knowledge. Children will learn about different types of land use and settlement, economic activity and distribution of natural resources.

RE

Following on from our work on Jesus as a teacher, we will learn about St Paul. We will ask about how the news of Jesus's resurrection was spread around the world, and what effect Paul had on Christianity.

Maths

In maths, we will work on measure with a focus on perimeter and area. Following this we will work on graphs, tables and geometry, involving position, direction and properties of shape.

Science

In the unit we will learn about gravity and how it pulls objects towards the centre of the Earth. Children will identify the effect that friction has on touching surfaces and how this can be both useful and not useful. They will also imagine a world without friction. Using their knowledge of air resistance, they will design and make a variety of parachutes and will plan and carry out a fair test to determine which parachute it most effective. Children will then learn about water resistance by designing and testing submarines. Finally, pupils will make simple machines to explore how some mechanisms allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

PE

In PE, children will work on batting skills- improving accuracy and effectiveness. We will be looking at competitve sports and exploring transferable skills.

History

Once we have completed our Ancient Egyptian learning from last half term, we will embark on a trip through the 15th and 16th Centuries to meet the Tudors. We will discover the upheavals that people faced during this time period, as the monarchy and Christianity faced huge changes and challenges. We will learn about historical interpretation based on Tudor artefacts and we will use the cottage to study Tudor and Stewart homes.

Art and Design

Working with Miss Heath, children will explore how fashion has changed over time, and design their own items with links to their historical learning of the Tudors.

Computing

Children have made a brilliant start on their work all about programming a micro-controller called a crumble. Children will continue working with their groups to design, programme and construct a moving, flashing fairground ride out of cardboard! This is a very exciting and challenging task which our pupils have already made fantastic progress with. Following this, we hope to begin work with a Vector Graphic, and study text and images.