

**A note from Mrs. Gillett**

Happy New Year to you all; I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed a well-deserved break. I am very much looking forward to developing the excellent work that the children completed in the autumn term as they prepare for their SATs in May. It is vital that your child attends school every day – all absences have a significant effect on your child's attainment. Thank you for your support.

**Year 5, Class 10  
Newsletter**

**Important Reminders:**

Please ensure you read with you child – and log your comments in their reading journal – at least three times each week. Children should be taking their reading books home every evening; they must come into school each day. This will allow children to enjoy regular reading with staff. Thank you.

**This term in class we are learning about...**

Our topic this half term is 'Off with the Head!' This is a history based topic about The Tudors. In lessons, children will:

- Create a timeline of Tudor monarchs
- Find out how the Tudors influenced the local area
- Research the women who married Henry VIII
- Create an explanation text about Tudor crime and punishment
- Find out how Henry VIII created the Church of England – thinking about the roles of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, Thomas Cromwell and Thomas More
- Find out about Henry VIII's children

In geography lessons children will:

- Compare maps of London in Tudor times and today
- Locate the places where Henry VIII lived during this life
- Create maps of the Tower of London labelling key features

**Homework:**

Homework routines are well-embedded in class and this will continue in the spring term.

Each Monday, Maths and Spelling homework will be set online and in paper form.

On a Friday, Spelling and Maths homework will be collected.

Please note that if your child does not complete their homework, they will attend homework club the following Monday lunchtime.

**Educational Visits and assemblies this half term:**

Year 5 will be going to Dene Community School On a Friday afternoon to take part in art activities.

The calendar this half term is certainly quieter than the last one!

