

Year 5 Topic Web – Spring 2 2021

OFF WITH HER HEAD!

	What we will be covering in class	Supporting your child's learning at home.
Engage	Children will be travelling back in time to the 1500s to explore the terrifying and terrific Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. Children will have the opportunity to use a range of historical sources to learn about Queen Elizabeth I. 'To be or not to be, that is the question' - children will be introduced to the world and works of Shakespeare, exploring some of his most renowned plays. Children will create their own biographies, using information they have researched and collected, on the infamous characters of Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I and Shakespeare. They will also find out about Lady Jane Grey.	<p>Henry VIII was the first English king to appoint a court painter. He hated the style of English painters, so he invited a German artist, Hans Holbein the younger, to do the job! Can you find out about this painter and look at some of his work?</p> <p>On the 19th May each year, mysterious red roses have been placed on Anne Boleyn's marble tomb in the chapel of the Tower of London. Only recently was their sender revealed! Can you find out who the roses are from?</p> <p>Anne Boleyn's ghost is said to haunt several key buildings, including the Tower of London and her childhood home, Hever Castle in Kent. Spooky! Draw or make your own model of the Tower of London or Hever Castle and talk about what makes these buildings interesting.</p> <p>Continue to support your child's mental maths skills by helping them to practise their times tables and number facts. You can find games to play to support this learning on 'mymaths' and 'BBC Bitesize'</p>
Develop	Imagine having to attend a banquet at his Royal Highness King Henry VIII's request. To please the King, children will be creating and preparing a riddle that can be performed to the King and his dinner guests. We shall see if we will be able to figure and work some of these riddles out! Also, time to dust off those Tudor dance moves and voices at the ready! In Year 5, we will be listening to and singing 'Greensleeves' while exploring and having a go ourselves at dancing the dances of the time, such as the stately 'pavane.' Together, we will look at and create observational sketches of Tudor costumes and jewellery before studying some of the similarities and differences between London now and in Tudor times.	
Innovate	Children will begin to meet and consider the case of Queen Anne Boleyn's fate. Locked in her room in the Tower of London, Year 5 will be looking at her arrest and imagine that she is going to stand trial in front of 2000 spectators. We will find out who Anne Boleyn thinks framed her, what she thinks of her husband King Henry VIII, all before he has his turn to speak and present his case. However, Henry VIII wants Year 5 to support him and get rid of Lady Anne Boleyn... but whose side will Year 5 take on this reopened case?	
Express	Year 5 will think about and discuss Queen Elizabeth I's famous quote, 'I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a King, and of a King of England too...' Children will also spend some time reflecting on what they have learnt over this topic, reminding each other of what we have discovered and highlighting their favourite parts.	

