



## The Year 4 theme until half term is Terrible Tudors



This covers many areas of the curriculum as shown below.

**English** - This half term, we will be researching William Shakespeare and writing a non chronological report about him and his work. Our poetry work will look at the witches poem from Macbeth and children will create their own poems. Children will write a diary based on the life of Catherine Howard, Henry VIII's wife with a local connection. This will be during English lessons, story time and guided reading sessions and each class has borrowed a huge box of books from Airedale Library for us to dip into whenever we wish!

**Music** - This half term's learning is focused around the song/rap called Stop! Which is about Bullying.

**ICT** - As part of our ICT programme of study, this half term we will be learning how to use technology to control light boxes.

**Languages** - This half term our topic is Les fetes. This is a unit on festivals celebrated in France.

**Science** - Our science topic this half term is States of Matter where we will be exploring solids, liquids and gases and learning about the water cycle.

**Trip** - This half term Year 4 will be taking a trip to Pontefract Castle, exploring its links with the Tudors and Henry VIII

Children will need to wear school uniform for the trip and be prepared for British weather come rain or shine.

All children will get to visit the castle over 3 days. Further information will be sent out closer to the time.

**Maths** - We will be having weekly Two Minute Mental Maths Challenges and an extra focus on multiplication tables.

Our Maths this half term will cover: Place value, rounding, addition, subtraction, 3D shape, measure and statistics.

**History** - As part of history topic, we will look closely at the Tudors. We will look at key dates and events in the Tudor Times and order them on a timeline. We will study Henry VIII and Tudor family trees.

**Design Technology** - In design technology lessons we will be joined by a Lego Technics Expert. He will work with the children to create castle themed projects including catapults, all made out of Lego!

**Enrichment** - After lunch on Thursday, Year 4 pupils will be involved in a whole afternoon of activities designed to enrich the curriculum. Each class will take turns at all activities over the course of the year.

Y4 Dragon– Topic  
Y4 Unicorn– Guitars/Sport  
Y4 Griffin– Guitars/Sport  
Y4 Phoenix– Art

Those children involved in sporting activities (including change for life) during the afternoon will need to bring their PE kit including appropriate footwear.

### **PE Days-**

Phoenix - Monday  
Dragon - Wednesday  
Griffin and Unicorn - Thursday

**We do suggest that PE kit be in school all week in case of any changes to PE days.**