

Autumn Term

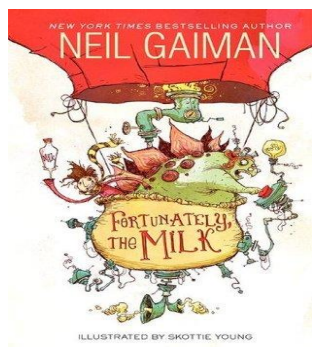
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children to Year 5 and introduce ourselves to you: I will be their class teacher Miss Vigers and our teaching assistant this year will be Miss Underwood. We would both like to say how well the children have settled, it's lovely to see them all coming in looking so smart and ready for their learning. We are both looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know the children and working with them.

English

This term in English we are reading 'Fortunately the Milk' which is a fun and entertaining story about a dad who goes to the shop to buy some milk, but it takes him a long time to get home. When he does arrive home,



he tells his children the story of what has happened to him and the different characters he meets on his journey.

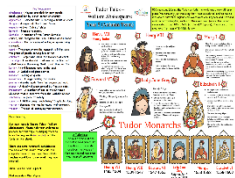
The story will be a stimulus for Year 5 creative writing where the children will then write their own chapters. This unit will give the children the chance to use their imagination in their writing.

The children's library day will be on a Thursday so could you please make sure they are reading at home and reading diaries are signed and books returned on a Thursday to be checked and changed.

Maths

This term Year 5 are covering the topics of number and place value where they will learn to read, write and order numbers; round numbers to the nearest multiple of 10, 100 and 1000 as well as using negative numbers in context. They will then progress onto using the knowledge to practice mathematical calculations to apply and solve a variety of problems.

Curriculum Theme



In this unit, children will explore how religion played an important role in shaping historical events, focusing on the Reformation, Henry VIII's split from the Roman Catholic Church, and the actions of 'Bloody Mary'. The children will also learn about Henry VIII's wives. We will look in detail at key figures during this period i.e. Henry VIII and Elizabeth I and how they are/were interpreted. Year 5 will also learn about the Elizabethan 'Golden

Age' with world exploration. All children were sent home with a knowledge organiser, can I please make you aware of the homework on the back of the sheet - it would great to see the children taking part and celebrating their efforts in school.

Other subjects at a glance:

Science – In this unit, children will learn about the forces of gravity and how movement of objects can be affected. They will develop their skills in measurement recording and presenting data.

French – The unit that the children are learning is about the weather.

PD – We will be following our No Outsiders units starting with caring relationships.

Art/DT – This term the children will be making Tudor purses and testing out their sewing technique.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

[KS2 - England - BBC Bitesize](#)

Important Dates for this term

Mondy 15th September – Year 5 Tudors workshop.

Thursday 16th October – Year 5 visit to Selly Manor.

Final Notices

PE day is **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on those days. Earrings are to be removed or not to be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.

Homework – this will be sent out on Friday and will need to be returned on Tuesday. Please can you ensure you read with your child once a week and complete their reading diary. They will also recieve spellings and maths homework each week.

If you have any queries, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Please phone the school office or email: enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

I hope that this year will be an exciting, enriching and rewarding year for everybody in Year 5 and I very much hope that you will join us in helping to make this happen.

Best wishes and thank you in anticipation for your continued support,

Miss Vigers and Miss Underwood