



CHALONER PRIMARY

Year 6 Topic Letter

Topic

In topic work this half-term we will be studying what life was like in Tudor times. We will learn about the work of William Shakespeare and learn what it was like to live in Tudor times under the rule of King Henry VIII.

Literacy

This half-term, year 6 children will read and write poems, play-scripts, newspaper reports and letters. Work will centre around 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare and also around The Christmas Truce in World War I.

Their understanding of these genres will be consolidated through formal reading and discussion of related texts.

In grammar and punctuation, work will focus on word classes, clauses, commas and semi colons.



Science

In science week, the children will be exploring light and shadows. We will begin by looking at how the eye works and will then move onto how light travels and how shadows are formed. Children will take part in a range of practical investigations to explore these difficult concepts.



P.E.

Children will learn the rules of hockey and they will play small-sided team games. If your child has gloves and shin-pads they are welcome to wear them for these lessons. Children will also hone their athletic skills this half term and a team will be selected to represent Chaloner in an athletics tournament in November.

The 'Bikeability' team will also work with small groups of year 6 children teaching them how to keep themselves and their bikes safe on the roads.

This half term's topic is:

Macbeth

Numeracy

In numeracy this half term we will look at the four main operations — addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will revise longer, written methods and will also be encouraged to do simpler calculations mentally. Work in topic maths will help children to apply these skills in a range of practical, real-life contexts. Children will be encouraged to talk about their work using appropriate mathematical vocabulary.

It is now a national expectation that ALL children will know their tables up to 12x by the end of Y4. We will therefore expect ALL children to have learned all of their tables by the end of this half term. Please help your child with this.

PSHE

Discussions and activities will focus on the British values of

In addition, the children will be working on a 'Getting On and Falling Out' topic, where we will learn how to be a good friend and what we should do if conflict arises.

Art and DT

In art, the children will be using pastels, paint and charcoal to draw accurate representations of their eyes.

We will also be creating collages using a range of resources. Children will be applying skills learned in science lessons to create silhouettes of themselves.

Towards the end of the half-term, children will be learning how to tie-dye fabric.



ICT

In ICT, the children will be using 'SCRATCH' to make a game based on the characters, settings and events in Macbeth. They will learn to write short algorithms and will test, evaluate and edit these with a partner.

In addition, children will be using the iPads to create a movie trailer based on Macbeth.

French

In French, the children will continue to develop intercultural understanding and their oracy and literacy skills. They will learn nursery rhymes, songs, numbers to 10, colours, instructions and key vocabulary and phrases.



Notes

- **Please support your child's learning by hearing them read daily and ensuring they complete literacy and numeracy homework tasks.**
- **Please make sure that you support your child in learning their tables and their spellings.**