



Welcome back to Year 6 after our Christmas break. We hope you had a lovely time and enjoyed a well earned rest! The Year 6 Team would like to congratulate the children on their progress and hard work in the previous term and are looking forward to another successful term to come.

Project

This half term the children will be learning all about Richard III. Our study of this topic will require the children to use their historical and geographic skills as we learn about this fascinating moment in British history. King Richard, the last Yorkist king of England, was killed at the Battle of Bosworth and was made infamous for the disappearance of family members who were held in the Tower of London. To support our topic and English work we will be visiting the RSC in Stratford-Upon-Avon.



Literacy

This half term we will be studying two texts in English: Sir Gawain and Macbeth. The children will explore both texts through drama and art as they create their own stories and short narratives. As with previous lessons, the children will also be learning key grammatical terminology to support their Grammar and Punctuation tests in May.



Mathematics

This half term we will continue our focus on general maths skills for multiplication, division and statistics, as well as exploring new topics. These include shape, statistics and measure.

Next half term the children will be split into three groups to ensure that the children complete work that is accessible but also challenging. If you have any questions regarding maths teaching, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

P.E.

This term Year 6 will continue to receive PE from our PE specialist and receive orienteering and map reading lessons from Sergeant Mac.

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit each and every Friday.



Home learning challenges



Lancaster Rose



York Rose



Tudor Rose

We will be continuing with our half termly learning challenge this half term. Well done to all those who completed a challenge last half term. They were fantastic, keep up the hard work.

Information regarding their half-termly topic homework will be sent home on Monday 9th January . However, if your child would like to begin researching our topic on 'the Plantagenet's' the please look at the following websites:

- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/tudors/waroftheroses.htm>
- http://www.ducksters.com/history/middle_ages/wars_of_the_roses.php

Reading at home

Our reading challenge was hugely successful in year 6 last term with all of the children making progress in their readings tests and also fostering a lifelong love of reading. Therefore, we will continue with our challenge by asking the children to read at home every day for 10-15 minutes and getting their journal signed.

Our prizes this term relate to house points. The house with the most golden tickets at the end of the half term will receive 100 house points, so the more golden tickets you earn the more likely your house will win. Remember to earn your golden tickets you need to read once over the weekend (Fri—Sun) and the Mon—Thurs in order to have read five times that week and be eligible for a ticket.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd January — INSET day

Monday 9th January—home learning given out.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Mr Rowlands, Mr Dixon and Miss Kerrigan.