

18th October 2017

Dear parents,

Term 2 in Years 5 and 6

Well, term 1 has shot past and we are now preparing for a very busy term 2!

For term 2, **our topic is Warts, Wives and Wickedness!** Or in other words, we are looking at the life and times of King Henry VIII, the most famous Tudor monarch of them all (well, certainly the most infamous!). The curriculum topic overview is on the website, as always, for your perusal. The **homework project** is to research a Tudor area of your child's choice, e.g. Tudor Christmas, Tudor inventions, Tudor medicine, Tudor monarchy, Tudor daily life for children, Tudor toilets (!!), etc. and present it in any way they wish.

Please can we remind you that the project is to be an independent piece of children's work of their choice. Please can finished projects be in school on **Monday 11th December** (not before, as year 6 will be inundated with Christmas market paraphernalia).

We have decided to introduce **mandatory times tables homework**, as there is an ever-increasing emphasis on the importance of knowing the tables to 12 x 12 fluently. We will be handing out homework on a Tuesday (same day as spellings) and the homework will be marked on the Friday. Later in the term, Year 6 will start bringing home additional homework in the form of SAT busters, which we have always found to be exceedingly beneficial to the children

Year 6: An important date for your diary! On **Friday 8th December at 9.15am**, it will be the year 6 **Tudor Christmas Market**. It will be held in the New Hall and there will be a large selection of goodies and crafts for you to buy, if you wish. All profits will go to the school's charity.

If you have any of the following that you are happy to donate, please send them in:

- Fir cones
- Christmassy ribbon
- Christmassy fabric

The Year 6 children will be doing a variety of craft activities in preparation for this during the week before the event.

Year 5: On **November 9th**, Year 5 have been invited to the Commonweal School to hear a talk by the children's author Stan Cullimore. More details will follow after half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

The Year 5/6 Team