YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWS
SPRING TERM 1
'OFF WITH HER HEAD'



English – As readers and writers, our key text will be 'Treason' by Berlie Doherty. This tale is set in Tudor times and follows William as he grows up, working closely with King Henry VIII until he finds himself in danger. As readers, we are reading the book as a class and will discuss its themes. As writers, we will link to the story and we will explore a range of text types during the term, including: writing a diary entry, a biography and a formal letter.

Maths – As mathematicians, we are beginning by exploring further multiplication and division. We will then move on to our second fractions unit; adding and subtracting different types of fractions. We will also start to look at mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Science – As scientists, will are learning about properties and changes of materials. We will work scientifically to understand and classify various materials as well as explaining the reason why certain materials are used for different purposes.

RE – As contemplators, we have a Reality and Truth topic in RE introducing the children to philosophy. Our key question is, 'What does it mean to live a good life?' Through listening and discussion with each other the children will evaluate what a range of religions mean by a good life, understand everyone has a worldview and that these are a combination of organised and personal opinions.

History/Geography – As historians, we are examining the history topic: What was life like in Tudor England? We will look at primary and secondary sources and use them as evidence in our work. We will discuss various aspects to Tudor life and in particular the way King Henry VIII ruled. We will also look at the different monarchs they had during this time and how they were different from one another.

Art and Design/Design Technology – As artists, we are looking at Painting and Mixed Media: Portraits. We will create self-portraits and use creative ways to display our work. We will also think about the choices behind our work.

PE – As sports stars, we are developing skills in swimming through a range of strokes, aiming to swim 25m unaided and in dance, where will be preparing for our performance at the Dance Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre.

PSHE – As thinkers, we are further exploring economic well-being and what that means to us growing up. We will discuss various scenarios to inform our own responsibilities growing up. We will take part in Safer Internet Day and learn about ways to stay safe in the ever-changing world of technology.

Computing – As computer scientists, we are looking data handling and music creation. We are learning about how to use and present data in various ways. We will also focus on creating music and editing using software.

Spanish – As linguists, our topic this term is all about being healthy and going to a market. We will explore new vocabulary and apply this in our work.

Music – As musicians, we are listening to a range of music, from classical to pop. After analysing the music, we will then create our own music using instruments and layering to build our compositions.