

Our topic for the Spring Term is 'People of the Past'; this will focus on life in Tudor times. The children will begin to understand how the past is represented and it will help them understand the causes and consequences of events in British history. The class have used a partial Tudor family tree to help them outline what they already know and to identify and plan key questions to focus their research. Some of the ideas are:

- What was life like in Tudor Britain?
- I'm a celebrity get me out of here!
- What entertainment was there in Tudor times?

The class book '**My Friend Walter**' is a fantasy adventure about a girl who sets out to save her family farm with the help of the ghost of Sir Walter Raleigh! It will introduce the class to Tudor Explorers, and they will find out how people of the past viewed the world.

In **Literacy** we will be exploring the features of a range of persuasive genre including advertisements and letters. The children will write persuasive letters in role as historical characters. Since the children discovered William Shakespeare lived in the Tudor era, we will also use a range of his plays as a writing stimulus. Guided reading sessions, read theory and spelling will take place each week as usual.

In **Numeracy** we will be collecting and analysing data based on the life of Henry VIII. We will explore time through various timelines.

In **Art** and **D.T.** we will be focusing on St.David's Day themed craft, looking at Tudor portraits and possibly designing a catapult to a budget! We will use this to investigate money and measure.

In **Science** the theme will be 'teeth'. "The Bright Sunshine Company" has emailed the children and commissioned them to investigate the effects of sugar on teeth and to produce a new toothpaste using a variety of evidence, information and ideas. The importance of dental hygiene will be explored through scientific investigation.

In **R.E.** we shall explore the life of a biblical prophet, Daniel, and how honesty and integrity and being a good example to others is important.