



The Dawnay School

Upper Junior Newsletter



What are we learning?

Date: Friday 21st September

English

Over the past two weeks we have used the video clip 'Little Freak' to develop our figurative and emotive language. We have recognised that it is important not to judge a book by its cover and have written figurative poems. We have finished the unit by writing persuasive letters to the father of the main character, persuading him to give the boy a chance to make a living carving wooden sculptures, rather than being the attraction in a freak show.

Maths

In year 5, children have been consolidating their reading of large numbers, understanding of place value and the power of 10. Next week, we will continue to develop our understanding of negative numbers.

In Year 6, children have been learning to read numbers up to 10,000,000, consolidating their place value and understanding of negative numbers. Children have applied their knowledge to reasoning questions helping them to understand the type of questions they might encounter in their SATs.

Cornerstones

We have had a busy start to our topic - Off with her head. Children have created information fact files about Henry VIII's six wives and a timeline to show key Tudor events. In art, children have learnt to use cross-hatching and applied this to sketches of Tudor jewellery. They have also painted their own miniatures.

Classes have learnt to perform classic Tudor dances and are beginning to create their own.

We have particularly enjoyed learning about Tudor crimes and all the gory punishments on offer!

How can you help at home?

Reading regularly at home is proven to dramatically increase a child's vocabulary. The greater a child's vocabulary, the more effective their writing becomes. Please ensure your child reads at home AT LEAST 3 times a week. Children earn house points for recording their reading and homework in their planners if a parent has signed the page by Friday.

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school every day.



Our "Learnacy" skill :



Exploration

Learning things by investigating, trialling and "giving it a go!"