

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2020

Below is an outline of what we will be covering in Year 4 over the second half of the Autumn term.

RE - 'From Advent to Christmas'

We will be exploring Mark's gospel and his portrayal of the birth of Jesus. We will also be learning about a special way of praying during Advent called Lectio Divina and also exploring how Christians celebrate Christmas around the world.

English- Following the Power of Reading

'**Newspaper reports**'- linked to the Tudor topic children will explore the features of news reports and will create a newspaper report based on a Tudor event.

'**Pugs of the Frozen North**' - Following this illustrated adventure story, the children will be exploring many different features of writing leading to outcomes including: instruction writing, creating leaflets, poetry; writing a recount and newspaper writing.

Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation

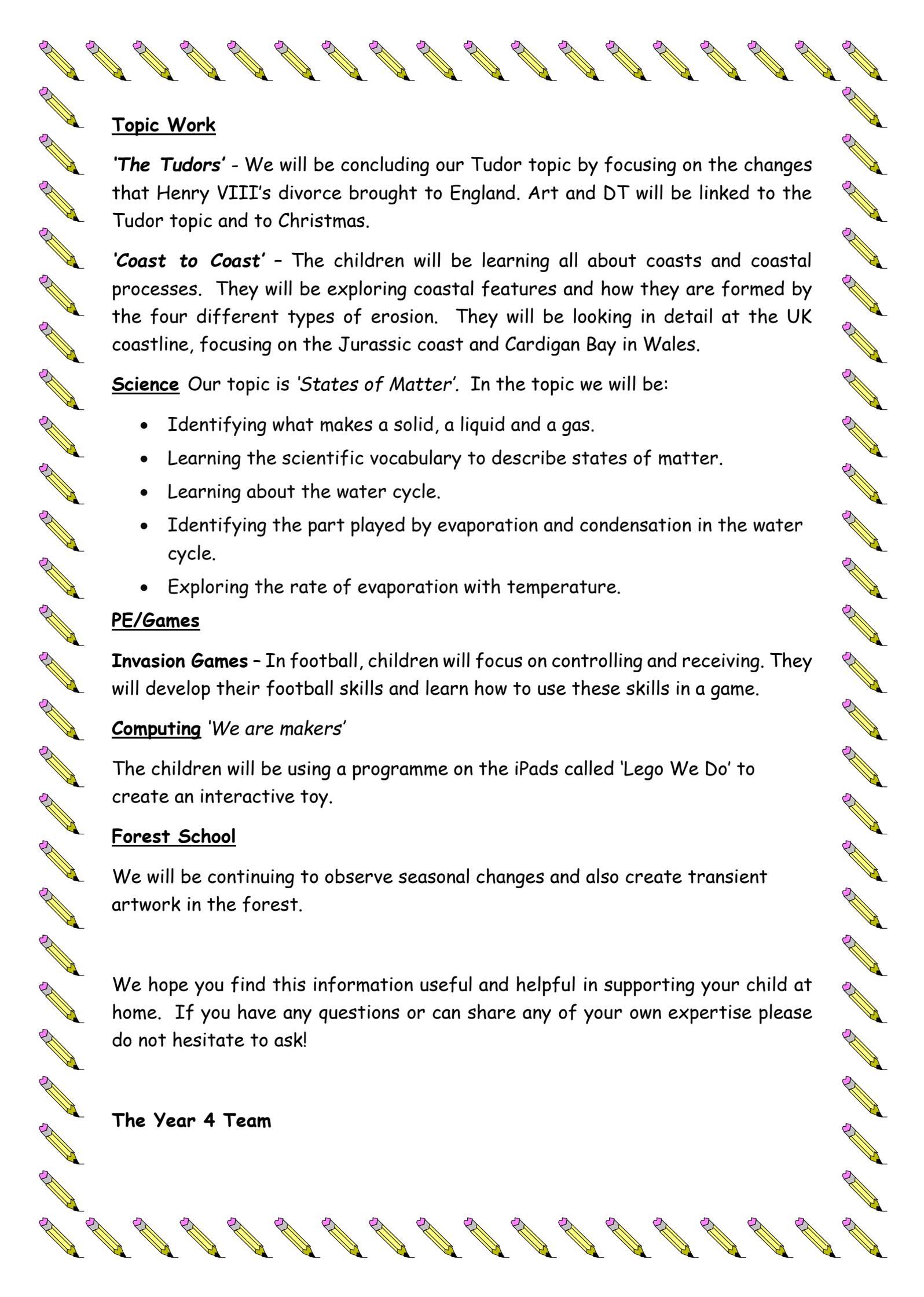
We will continue to work on the year 4 spellings using the Oxford Owl scheme alongside the year 3 and 4 spelling list. A list of spellings will be sent home weekly and your child should practise them in preparation for the following week's dictation.

Maths

Measurement - Conversion between units of measure (Km to m, hours to minutes). Measure and calculate perimeters.

Multiplication and Division - continue with practising times tables. Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Multiplying and dividing by 2 and 5. Multiplying and dividing by 6, 9, and 7. The 11 and 12 times tables. Multiplying two digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using the formal method. Divide by using the short division method without remainders. The focus last half term was the 6x tables. The focus this half term is the 7x tables.

It is essential the children learn their times tables daily as they are expected to be the first year group in 2021 to complete the National times tables assessment - the children are required to know all times tables from 2-12 by the end of Year 4



Topic Work

'The Tudors' - We will be concluding our Tudor topic by focusing on the changes that Henry VIII's divorce brought to England. Art and DT will be linked to the Tudor topic and to Christmas.

'Coast to Coast' - The children will be learning all about coasts and coastal processes. They will be exploring coastal features and how they are formed by the four different types of erosion. They will be looking in detail at the UK coastline, focusing on the Jurassic coast and Cardigan Bay in Wales.

Science Our topic is 'States of Matter'. In the topic we will be:

- Identifying what makes a solid, a liquid and a gas.
- Learning the scientific vocabulary to describe states of matter.
- Learning about the water cycle.
- Identifying the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.
- Exploring the rate of evaporation with temperature.

PE/Games

Invasion Games - In football, children will focus on controlling and receiving. They will develop their football skills and learn how to use these skills in a game.

Computing 'We are makers'

The children will be using a programme on the iPads called 'Lego We Do' to create an interactive toy.

Forest School

We will be continuing to observe seasonal changes and also create transient artwork in the forest.

We hope you find this information useful and helpful in supporting your child at home. If you have any questions or can share any of your own expertise please do not hesitate to ask!

The Year 4 Team