

Henry VIII – Hero or Villain?

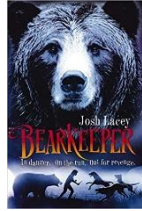
Year 5 Autumn Term 2025

Key texts used this term:

Bearkeeper by Josh Lacey

Macbeth by William Shakespeare

Plus a selection of non-fiction Tudor texts



The writing opportunities this term will include:

Create a missing scene from the playscript of Macbeth

Persuasive campaign – Henry's campaign for a new wife

Non-chronological report on Hever Castle

An argument to discuss – was Henry a good king?



Within History, key learning will be based on:

- Who was Henry VIII and when was the Tudor period?
- Significant events surrounding his monarchy
- Henry's six wives
- What was Henry like as a man and a king?
- What was Henry VIII legacy for modern Britain?

Within Geography the depth study will answer:

- How and why was the settlement of London different during the Tudor times?



Within Maths we will be following the programmes of study from the National Curriculum.

Opportunities for applying mathematical skills including reasoning will be given throughout the maths learning.

Our key learning in science will be on forces including:

- Gravity
- Air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces
- Effects of mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears



The Art focus will be exploring the works of Hans Holbein and then create Tudor portraits.



Within DT, within food technology, cheese and onion quiche will be made. Through exploration, designing, making and evaluating, Tudor pouches will be produced in the textiles unit of work.

Other curriculum areas:

RE: Christianity – What is the Trinity?, Why is the gospel such good news for Christians? & Islam – What does the Qur'an reveal about Allah and his guidance?

RSHE: Physical, emotional and mental health, respectful relationships and preventions to keep healthy and safe

PE: Gymnastics, Netball, Fitness and Hockey

Computing: Online safety, PowerPoint and Stop motion video editing

Music: Learning to play the recorder, following a musical manuscript followed by a unit on How does music bring us together?

