

Year 3 and 4

Topic title: Terrible Tudors

Topic Themes: Family and Society, Settlement, Conflict and Disaster

Our objectives for the topic:

- Use a timeline of history – understanding that it can be split into BC and AD.
- Identify and give reasons for results of historical events, situations and changes.
- Identify historically significant people and events from the past.
- Identify where people in the past have represented events, people and ideas in a way that persuades others.
- Use evidence to describe aspects of the lives of people from the past e.g. culture, way of life, what was important to them.

Essential Knowledge:

- To know King Henry VIII had six wives.
- To understand the significance of the War of the Roses.
- To know the War of the Roses was won by Henry VIII.
- To know wealthy Tudors liked to show off their riches through their clothes, food and homes.
- To know that the young heirs of Henry VIII lived vastly different lives compared to ordinary people.
- To know harsh punishment, including beheading, was popular and common during Tudor history.

Interesting information:

- Police didn't exist in Tudor times but there were still laws.
- Most people lived in small villages and farmed to earn money.
- Only the sons of wealthy families went to school.
- Tudor toys were made from wood, clay and animal bones.

Key Vocabulary:

Monarch

A sovereign head of state (king or queen).

Dynasty

A family of rulers who rule over a country for a long time.

Reign

The time a king or queen is at the throne.

Execution

To carry out a sentence of death (e.g. beheading).

Treason

A crime of betraying your own country, e.g. trying to overthrow a king/queen.

War of the Roses

A battle which took place between two kingdoms, leading to the first Tudor king.

Inherit

To receive something after somebody's death,

Heir

Someone who is in line to receive/inherit something after a death. E.g. the king's children will inherit the throne.



Books, stories and webpages linked to the topic:

Life in Tudor Times – BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-history-the-tudors-life-in-tudor-times-index/zdn7h4j>