

# Off with her head!- Parent information

Let's travel back in time to meet the terrifying Tudors.

During this half term, we'll meet a very important figure from history who will give us a problem to solve. Online research will help us to write biographies about influential people of the period, and we'll use source materials to create a Tudor timeline. Tudor portraits will provide us with the inspiration to create royal paintings; we'll learn a courtly dance and compose Tudor music. Our geography skills will help us to compare maps of Tudor London to present day London and plot Anne Boleyn's journey to her execution. Internet research will help us learn more about Henry's life, his marriages and his break from the Roman Catholic church.

At the end of the ILP, we'll create and perform a rhyme to help us remember key dates from the Tudor period and make a life-sized model of Henry VIII. It will be huge! In PE, we'll learn some dance moves and hold a Tudor 'dance off'.

Help your child prepare for their project

The Tudors were a domineering dynasty who changed the course of history. Why not visit a local museum to learn more about Tudor times? You could also visit a town with Tudor architecture. Look out for black and white, timber-framed buildings. They will be easy to spot! Or visit your local library to find out more about this fascinating family.

Memorable experience	Elizabeth I deathbed scene
Innovate challenge	The trial of Anne Boleyn
English	Biographies; Poetry and riddles; Newspaper reports; Persuasive letters; Dialogue
History	The Tudors
A&D	Portraits; Sketching Tudor fashions; 3-D modelling
Computing	Research; Data handling; Presentations
Geography	Maps
Music	Tudor music; Composing
PE	Tudor dance
PSHE	Rules and consequences

# Home learning ideas - What will you choose to do?

Off with Her Head! These activities are for you to do at home. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

1. Create a project glossary by writing a definition for each of the words listed. Use a dictionary to help.

• heir • annulment • behead • succession • treason • dynasty • excommunicate • trial

Add any other terms that you learn while completing the other home learning activities.

2. Use a range of sources to research the House of Tudor and the five Tudor monarchs. Record your findings by writing a list of facts. Then, write a short paragraph about Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I.

3. Find out why Thomas Cromwell, Francis Drake and Anne Boleyn were key figures during Tudor times. Record your findings in a table to explain their role and importance.

4. Use a range of sources to find out about key events from the House of Tudor's rule. Create a timeline to record the events and dates on which they happened. Include a few sentences on your timeline to explain each event.

5. Find out more about Henry VIII to answer the enquiry question, 'Who was Henry VIII and how did he live his life?'

6. Find out more about Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, to answer the enquiry question, 'Who was Anne Boleyn and was she treated fairly?' Research areas include:

7. Use your research skills to find out about Elizabeth I and write a short biography of her life. Include a description of her character, events that happened during her lifetime, and provide your opinion on whether she was a good monarch.

8. Choose an important event from Tudor times and write a newspaper report about it. Imagine that you are reporting about the event after it happened.

10. Finish your home learning by writing a summary of the topic, explaining what you have learned about Tudor times, Tudor monarchs and other key figures.

9. Portraits of monarchs give messages about their power, status and personality and do not always show what the monarch looked like in real life. Look online at a range of portraits, then create a portrait of a Tudor monarch or other important Tudor figure. Think about how you can show their power, status or personality, using colour, expression, poses, clothing, and background objects or setting.

### Useful websites

BBC Teach – The Tudors

DKfindout! – Tudor Facts For Kids – Who were the Tudors?

Britannica Kids – Thomas Cromwell Students

DKfindout! – Tudor Exploration – Famous Tudor Explorers

BBC Bitesize – Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII – KS2

History Britannica Kids – Elizabeth I

### Good reads

Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors Terry Deary and Neil Tonge

The Tudors: Kings, Queens, Scribes and Ferrets! Marcia Williams

DK Eyewitness: Tudor DK

A Perspectives Flip Book: The Split History of – Queen Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots

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