

Roses and Royals



It's time to journey back to Tudor times when kings and queens called the shots. Come and explore this fascinating period of history, but remember to hold on to your head!

During this half term, we'll visit a Tudor site and discover who the Tudors were and how they lived. Back in the classroom, we'll find out more about Tudor life. We'll study the Tudor family tree and find out about Henry VII, the first Tudor king, who fought for the crown against Richard III. Our findings will be presented as fact files, posters, chants and rhymes. We'll reenact the Battle of Bosworth and take on the roles of Tudor royalty as we decipher riddles and dance the 'branle'. Using a map of the United Kingdom, we'll plot Henry VII's journey from Milford Haven, Wales to Bosworth Field, England, estimating and calculating the distance travelled. We'll create our own Tudor rose printing block and explore the lines of symmetry in the original York and Lancaster roses. We'll also learn about the lives of the sons of Henry VII, Arthur and Henry VIII, who was famous for his love of food, fighting and, of course, wives.

At the end of the project, we'll share our work with you and compare the reigns of the Tudor queens, Mary and Elizabeth, to their male predecessors.

Languages, literacy and communication	Role play, fact files, captions, riddles
Humanities	The Tudors, significant Tudor kings and queens, Battle of Bosworth, timelines, Tudor life, Reformation, the end of the Tudor dynasty, estimating and calculating distances, interpreting maps
Science and technology	Printing
Mathematics and numeracy	Using maths skills, rotational symmetry
Expressive arts	Battle reenactment, Tudor dancing
Health and well-being	Personal opinions, listening to others

Help your child prepare for their project

The Tudors were a powerful, yet infamous family! Why not visit your local library or museum together to find out about your area in Tudor times? You could also research Tudor fashions and sketch costumes for Tudor royalty. Alternatively, paint and draw a Tudor-style portrait using different materials to add interest and texture.