

# The Oak Oracle

It has been another very busy term in Oak class and with the days getting lighter and the daffodils around school blooming, it certainly feels like we are getting closer to the beautiful summer weather.

In our History lessons this term, we have been trying to answer the question "Why did Henry VIII break from the church". We explored sources about Henry VIII to decide whether or not we felt like he was a respected leader before learning about the reformation. We sorted reasons for the reformation into 3 main reasons; love, money or power before forming our own opinion on why Henry chose to create his own church.

A highlight of this topic was our school trip to Tudor House and Gardens in Southampton. We were shown round the House by the amazing Andy, who transported us back in time to Tudor Southampton and shared with us lots of stories from the time period. We also took part in an artefact workshop, where we were able to handle a range of replica artefacts from the time period and try and guess what they were. We really enjoyed trying on some of the costumes, as you can see from the pictures below!



In Week 4, children also had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Forest School afternoon with Mrs Archer and Mrs Hardy. There were a variety for children to choose from including den building, pond dipping and making art from natural materials. The teachers were very impressed with the teamwork skills developed and the creativity shown throughout the afternoon. We look forward to more Forest School opportunities in future terms!



We have been learning about the concept of 'Salvation' in our RE lessons this term. We began by using various Disney films to develop our understanding of what sacrifice is, before recalling the key parts of the Easter story. We debated who we felt was responsible for Jesus' death and identified how Christians use communion as a symbol to remember Jesus' sacrifice. At the end of the unit, we discussed how Jesus' sacrifice affected the lives of Christians today.

We look forward to next term, which is sure to be equally as busy, with many cluster sports events, our Year 6 SATs and our new values week at the end of term!