



Optional Activities

to support your child's learning – Autumn 2018

The Tudors

Read some historical books (e.g. Horrible Histories, My Story series) to learn a bit more about the Tudors. Take a walk around Norwich to try and spot some Tudor buildings - there are lots on Elm Hill - or try to make one from card and straw. Look out for Heritage Open Days, where lots of buildings not always open to the public open their doors to visitors.

Reading Ideas

We cannot over stress the importance of daily reading. Your child needs a quiet space where they can focus and read, sometimes an adult or independently.

Local libraries are a great resource and children have access to the school library too. If your child is reading independently, encourage them to discuss what they have read. It is important that they are reading a range of different genres. Regular reading will not only develop your child's reading and comprehension skills, but will also improve their writing, range of vocabulary, subject knowledge and ability to access other areas of learning across the curriculum.

If you have read a book that you love, make sure you tell your friends and us so we can recommend it.

Other activities

We would love to hear about any creative ways you come up with to learn more about the Tudors!

At Avenue Junior School, we no longer set any formal homework. We believe the most important thing you can do with your child is to spend enjoyable time with them. We ask that you read with your child for 10 minutes per day – your child reading to you, you reading to them, or sharing the reading together.

We have also provided this list of ideas that you can use if you would like to. Please do as many or as few as you wish – and let us know if you have any great ideas for activities that you and your child enjoy!

Maths Skills

Look at times tables games online and times tables apps (sumdog etc).

Regular practice of times tables.

Please support your child to keep up with regular practice of multiplication and related division facts up to 12X12. Instant recall of these facts is essential for your child to keep up with the pace and demands of the Year 6 curriculum.

Spelling

We understand that some children, through no fault of their own, sometimes struggle with spellings, which now form a large part of our end of year assessments. We will of course be practicing lots in school, but a little help at home would go a really long way!

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/> is a fantastic free resource which can help with this. We will send a message through Class Dojo each week to highlight a spelling pattern to revise, and would really appreciate your help in encouraging 10 minutes practice at home once or twice a week.

If you try out any of these activities, please let us know how it goes! You can share your learning by writing or posting photos on Class Dojo, or bringing things in to show in class.