

## Curriculum Information for Rowntree Learning Group Autumn 2024

## Our topic this term is: The Tudors

English	This term, students in Rowntree will be exploring Literacy through their topic. We will continue to Drop Everything And Read on a Monday, and revisit our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar skills throughout the week. Rowntree will also explore the fundamentals of Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summary through regular reading comprehension activities and will develop their creative writing skills through their newfound knowledge of The Tudors. Non-chronological reports and newspaper reports will be their creative writing focus. They will also revisit necessary Speaking and Listening Skills to prepare for their external exams in the not-too-distant future.
Maths	This year, students will begin working towards their Entry Level Maths Certificate. The first component to complete will be properties of a number. All students will develop their understanding of numbers up to 1000, recognising and using multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 50 and 100, rounding numbers less than 1000 to the nearest 100. Students will be developing their subject vocabulary throughout maths, recognising keywords such as; place value, units, estimate, more than, less than and order of numbers.
Thematic Learning- History & Geography	The Tudors – we will be looking at Henry VIII and the Reign of Mary Tudor. This will then lead onto investigating Elizabeth I and how the Tudors have shaped some of modern day Britain. This will help us to develop our chronological understanding and our ability to investigate sources of information.
Physical Development & Healthy Lifestyles	In Physical Development and Healthy Lifestyles our topics are Badminton and Football. In badminton, we will be exploring the technique of serving and how we can use the serve as an advantage throughout game situations. Students will practice and execute the different range of shots within badminton, incorporating them into competitive matches. In football we will be focusing on individual control of the football, dribbling, short passing, incorporating these skills into competitive small sided games.  Our PD&HL Days are: Monday & Wednesday
RSHE/PSHE	In our first term, we will be focusing on health and wellbeing and living in the wider world. We will establish what healthy relationships look like and how we can manage risks around peer influence, substance use and gangs. We will also discuss how we can set goals for ourselves as we move into Year 9. Our skills and strategies that can help us as we move towards thinking about our careers will be explored so we can work on

developing these for the future.

## Design In resistant materials the students are going to design and make a photo frame. This will build on skills worked upon in the previous academic Technology/Hospitality year. and Catering In food technology, we will be looking at predominantly savoury foods. We will discuss the availability of local produce and look at the importance of using seasonal foods when cooking. Students will be working on the introduction to Hospitality and Customer service in the hospitality industry. The students will work towards: Entry Level 2 Award in Sills for life Woodworking skills. Entry level 3 Award and Certificate in Hospitality. In computing we will be looking at creating and delivering presentations. Computing We will develop our ability to use power point and think about how we can use this in the future to present our work and ideas. This will enable us to work on our word processing skills. We will also link this with PSHE and continue developing our knowledge of staying safe online, and discuss where we can report things online if we feel unsafe or uncomfortable. In outdoor learning this term we are partaking in various adventurous **Outdoor Learning** activities starting with canoeing and climbing. At canoeing, we will be developing our water safety skills and building our confidence in the water. We will complete climbing activities in our local area, developing our understanding of safety equipment and the importance of helping to keep each other safe. We will also have the opportunity to develop our campcraft skills, focusing on outdoor cooking and lighting fires safely. Our outdoor learning day is: Tuesday In art lessons we will be learning about formal elements of art and **Art and Design** design and practising skills. We will learn about great artists and develop creativity and techniques to

improve our mastery of art and design.

Most students will work towards their Arts Award Bronze qualification.