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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary Year 5 pupils,

Each term, we send you a letter to let you know what your child will be learning about in each subject. This term, Year 5 will be learning about **Medieval Monarchs** in their **History** lessons and will find answers to the following questions before using their knowledge to complete a timeline and debate at the end of the term:

1. In 1066, who were the contenders for the English throne?
2. Why was the Battle of Hastings so important?
3. Who was the worse King: Richard or John?
4. In what ways was Edward I a 'great and terrible' King?
5. Why did Henry VIII initiate the Reformation?
6. Was Elizabeth I 'weak and feeble'?



Medieval England was led by eight medieval kings and one queen. Medieval England started in 1066 with William the Conqueror gaining the English throne after his victory at the Battle of Hastings. With lands to conquer, rebellions to quash and finances to raise, ruling over medieval England was no mean feat. Some monarchs flourished, while others floundered. The children will learn about Medieval England to 1377. A knowledge organiser sharing all of the information – including facts, a timeline and key vocabulary – that the children will learn about in their History lessons is attached. Please feel free to use this with your child to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.

In **Science**, the children will look at forces and specifically at magnetism. They will look at the uses of a compass and magnets.

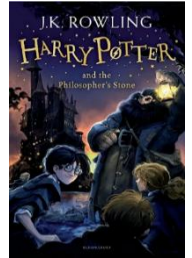


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In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the books 'Flood' by Alvaro F. Villa and 'Everest' by Alexandra Stewart. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they will be studying 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling.



In **Maths**, children will study fractions, where they will find equivalent fractions, add and subtract them, as well as compare and order them drawing upon their knowledge of factors and multiples. In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Keeping Myself Safe'.



In **Computing** lessons, the children will learn about 'Selection in Physical Computing', where they will learn to use a Crumble kit and program a fairground carousel using lights and a motor wheel. In **Art**, they will be creating paintings in the style of Becky Bettsworth. In **Spanish**, they will use phrases and simple sentences to write an email.

This term, **PE** will be on Wednesday and your child can wear their PE kit to school.

If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher or email year5@marineacademy.org.uk. We are really looking forward to another great term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Callum Cuzner

Miss Victoria Hansford

Teacher

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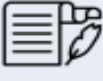


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Knowledge Organiser – Medieval Monarchs - Year 5

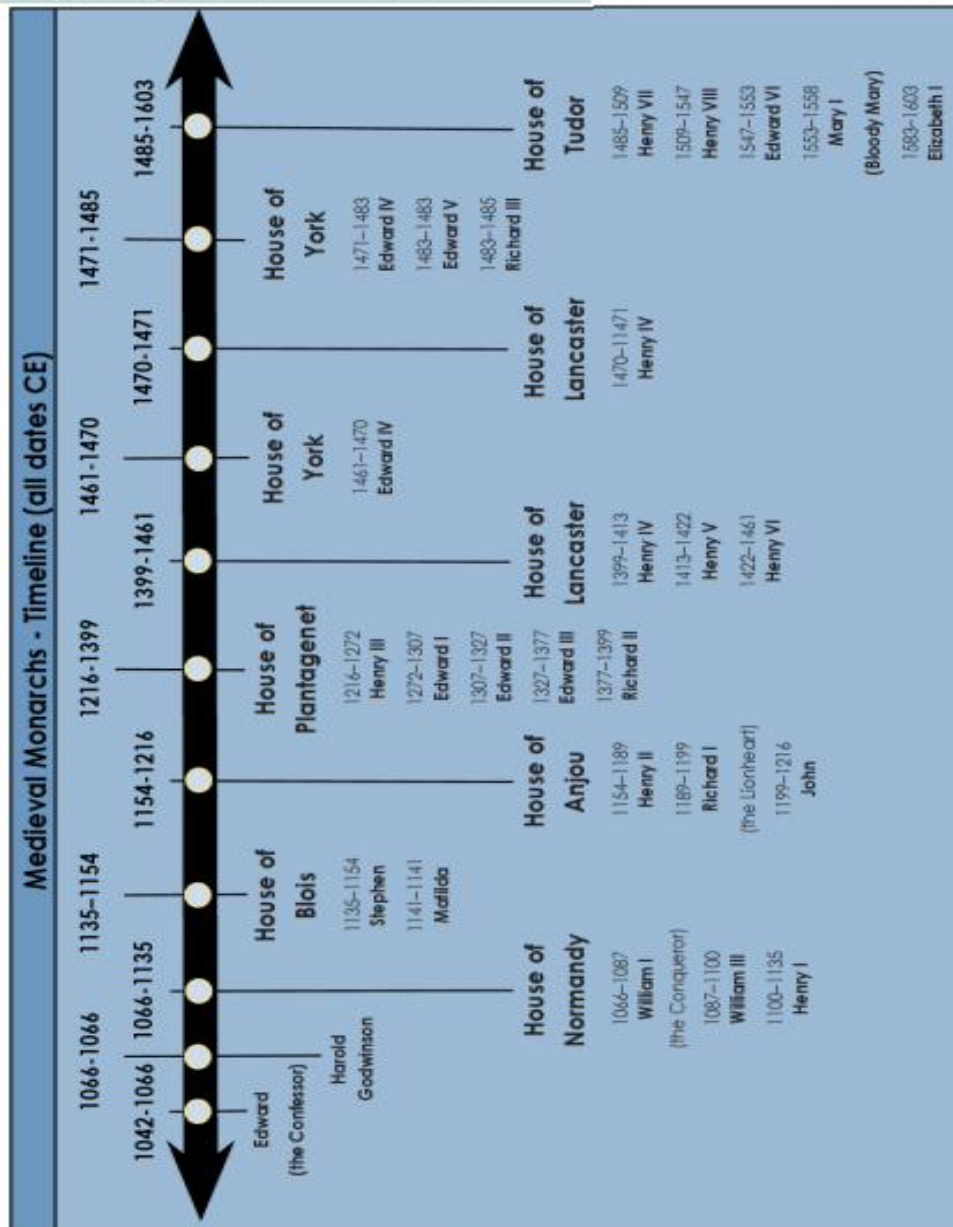
Vocabulary	Definition
Monarch 	Another name for a King or Queen.
Government 	A group of people with the authority to be in charge of a country or state.
Democracy 	A system of government in which all adults vote for who will be in charge.
Crusades 	A series of campaigns made by Europeans to recover the Holy Land from Muslims in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries.
Domesday Book 	The first (1086) major survey of people living in most of England and parts of Wales.
Magna Carta 	Literally "The Great Charter", this document set out certain rights, protecting Barons.
Feudal system (feudalism) 	A system in which people hold their land in return for working and fighting for their Lord.
Baron 	A Lord, owning lots of land which would be worked by peasants.
Knights 	Warriors who would protect the Barons land and fight for the King in times of war.
Peasants 	The poorest people in medieval England, usually farmers.

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Knowledge Organiser – Medieval Monarchs Timeline - Year 5



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Major Medieval Monarchs

William I (William the Conqueror)		A Norman (French) Duke who defeated English King Harold at the Battle of Hastings.
Henry II		Ruled much of France as well as England, Wales and Scotland.
Richard I		Led a number of 'Crusades' in the Middle East. Spent only six months of his reign in England.
King John		Forced to sign the Magna Carta and ended up fighting a war with the barons.
Edward I		Reforming King who made many of laws. Great military leader who defeated the Welsh and the Scots and built lots of castles.
Henry VIII		Separated the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church as part of the English Reformation. He had six wives.
Elizabeth I		Defeated the Spanish Armada and oversaw the flourishing of English drama including Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe.