Meet the Huguenots
The Huguenot story

- Courage
- Danger
- Excitement
- Terror
- Optimism
- Persecution

With a happy ending...
Protestants and Catholics

In the 16th century the Reformation happened. A new type of Christianity was born that did not follow the Pope, different symbols (or no symbols).

People who chose to follow this new Christianity were called Protestants. Now there were Catholics and Protestants.

By the 1560s England was officially protestant.
Our Story begins in France

- Catholic country
- Arrival of a new version of Christianity – Protestantism in 1500s
- The Huguenots were Protestants
- They were bullied, persecuted and discriminated against
- They were forbidden to leave France
St Bartholomew’s Day Massacre, 1572: thousands of Protestants died in France
1598 The Edict of Nantes brought freedom of worship
The Edict ‘Revoked’

- France was a Catholic country but the Edict of Nantes (1598) gave the Huguenots religious liberty
- *What is an Edict?*
- The next King of France, Louis XIV, revoked the Edict of Nantes in 1685
- *Why did Louis revoke the Edict?*
- King Louis XIV decided that anyone who wasn’t Catholic would be imprisoned or killed unless they changed their mind
- *Do you think people changed to Catholicism?*
- King Louis XIV forbid the Huguenots from leaving France
- *Why did he do this? How did he do this? What do you think the Huguenots did?*
The World

[Map of the World showing continents and oceans]
France
Huguenots: Our First Refugees
Fleeing a country

- Do you know some one who has had to move or even flee a country?

- What would you take?

- How would you feel?
So, who were the Huguenots?

- Christians
- French Protestants
- Persecuted
- Emigrated
- Immigrated
- Settled

The Huguenots transformed England