



*Y5/6 Curriculum Info.*  
*Autumn 1 - 2018*



*Peasants, Princes & Pestilence*

Flee your fields, close your doors and pull up the drawbridge: the dreaded and deathly 'Great Pestilence' is here! Mount your steed and gallop through the dark and deadly world of 14<sup>th</sup> century Britain, sword and shield at the ready, pledging your allegiance to king and country!

In this somewhat gory theme, we will be placing the 'Black Death' in the timeline of Britain's history, finding out where it originated and how it first came to Britain. By plotting the countries affected on a world map, we will continue to develop our map skills and locational knowledge.

Through reading historical accounts, poems and tales, we will discover the grotesque effects of bugs and bacteria on the human body. We will learn about the symptoms and changes which occurred when someone was infected with the Black Death and create a pictorial timeline from infection to death. We will research the geographical and human factors which caused 1340s London to have one of the fastest growing Black Death rates.

We will learn about the different social classes from King to Knights to Peasants and their role and place in society.

Our writing skills will be developed through the genres of narrative, journals, instructions and classic English poetry.

Cross-curricular links in Maths will give us the opportunity to use pattern, shape, reflection and symmetry to create heraldic designs like those on a knight's shield or standard.

In Art we will study and respond to art work typical of that time in history. We will have the opportunity to create lettered printing blocks using a range of techniques and resources. Our D.T. skills will be focused around food technology and we will be given the opportunity to research and make the foods typical of a king's feast.

In Computing, we will become bloggers and will be posting comments about what we are learning in school.

This half term's Science will focus upon Materials (properties and changes) and will develop our investigative skills.

In P.E. we will develop our skills in football and gymnastics.

As you can see, it is set to be a busy half-term!

**Dates to Note:**

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Parent Drop-in Sessions (3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.)

